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Santa Claus Is Coming To Town!!!



ST. NICK listens to the gift lists of local children Zachary Bussiere, Elizabeth Haire, and Heather Bussiere at the Annual Holiday Bazaar sponsored by St. John's Church.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



OVER AT SPECIAL CREATIONS on 324 Springfield Street, Agawam, Santa Claus stopped by for an Open House hosted by owner Sandy Kinsley before returning to the North Pole. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

EARLY Deadline

Due to the Christmas holiday, our deadline for our Annual Christmas Edition will be Monday, December 19th, at noontime. Please be prompt as we have a print deadline to meet. The building will be open throughout the weekend if you wish to slide your items under our door. Thank-you.

Work Continuing To Progress On Town's Veteran Memorial In Center

As a result of a recent *Agawam Advertiser News* article, a local carpenter has offered his services in constructing the millwork portion of our Veteran Memorial. Our deep appreciation to Harold Davis of 319 North West Street, Feeding Hills. Davis will work on the project through the winter months and will be assisted by Building Maintenance Supervisor Tony Albro and crew in hoisting the frame to house the Danahy Bell.

Veteran Agent Ruth Bitzas expresses the sympathy of the committee in the recent loss of our Committee Chairman Andrew C. Gallano. He is sadly missed. "I had hoped he would live to see the completion of his last project for the Town of Agawam. It was through his effort that the beautiful architectural design by Thurston Munson was achieved."

The formal dedication will be scheduled on or near Memorial Day, 1989. Also assisting with the project are Doug Goodman of Rhinehart Architects of Agawam, and Nick Fortier and Mike LaFlamme of CRAF Company of Agawam.

An additional name has been added to our Vietnam Casualty List. Michael A. Meade received the Bronze Star for heroism in Vietnam. He was a medical Corporal for the U.S. Navy and a lifelong resident of Agawam.

Paul Galaska of Atlas Founders, Inc., of Agawam will begin work on the bronze plaques in January.

If anyone knows of any additional names that should be added to our list, please contact Veteran Agent Ruth Bitzas at Town Hall, 786-0400, extension 236, as soon as possible.

Summer Education Proposed For Kids' Park

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

"I don't want education to interfere with what summer should be for children, but we can supplement education for those children whose parents okay it."

With those words, Town Clerk Richard Theroux, speaking not as an administrator but as a former teacher, elaborated on his suggestion that educational programs be integrated into the summer camp program at Perry Lane Park next year.

Theroux expressed concern that children in grades one to six lose learning time over the summer, a problem that carries over into the first month or two of school each September, when review work takes the place of new learning.

Theroux brought his idea to the Town Council last Monday night during Citizen's Speak time, urging councilors to "think about the idea."

Theroux advocates hiring a teacher for the eight-week camp session, and offer parents the chance to supplement summer fun with summer learning.

"I don't want people to think that I'm taking away summer from the kids," he says. "But I'd like to see them have a chance to continue to grow educationally."

One suggestion is a reading program, perhaps in conjunction with library programs, that would encourage children to pick-up a book. Math games are another possibility, along with learning plays, producing them and maybe even writing them.

"Hiring the right, innovative teacher with a specific educational plan is the key to the whole idea," Theroux notes, adding the cost of such a program would be limited to the teacher's salary and supplies. He says the costs could be offset by a marginal fee for students partaking of the "summer learning" option.

Pointing out that the camp sessions last eight weeks, and are full day sessions, it's not inconceivable to Theroux to add a bit of learning in a way that's fun.

Before Proposition 2½, Theroux said, "We had summer enrichment programs, all kinds of extras that just aren't there any more."

"As a teacher I know that these are the best times to teach skills to children, grades one through six." He continues, "I cannot say enough in praise of the school system and the Parks Department, for what they do for the town of Agawam."

"The ideas I suggest are an 'extra,' Theroux states. "A parent signing-up a child would have the option of the educational supplement," he concludes.

He hopes that town councilors and administrators take a second look and listen to his idea. By making part of learning a part of summer fun, he hopes to bridge the education gap from June to September and give the children in the camp program a headstart on their next school year.

IRS Says Audit Chances Increase With Returns For 1988 Calendar Year

The IRS says that this year the odds of being audited are greater than ever before. The use of more sophisticated computers and the increase in hiring of agents may result in you being audited in the future.

"But, if you do get a letter from the IRS notifying you of an audit, don't panic," said Boston District Director Gerard R. Esposito.

"An examination does not suggest suspicion of dishonesty or criminal liability," emphasized Esposito. "While most examinations do result in increased tax liability, many cases are closed without change, and in others the taxpayer actually receives a refund. Last year 8 percent of individual income tax returns audited in Massachusetts resulted in a no change to tax liability," said Esposito.

But that doesn't mean you should play Russian Roulette with the IRS. Above all, make sure you go to your appointment prepared. Returns selected for audit are usually to verify the accuracy of income, exemptions, or deductions.

The letter notifying you of the audit will specify the items that will be discussed at the meeting. You should gather the appropriate records such as receipts, cancelled checks, or other documentation related to those issues.

If you filed a joint return, either spouse or both can attend the appointment. An attorney, Certified Public Accountant, an individual enrolled to practice before the IRS, or anyone who is knowledgeable of the taxpayer's books and records may represent or accompany the taxpayers.

However, if the taxpayer is not going to be present, the representative must have written authorization on IRS Form 2848, "Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative," or Form 2848-D, "Tax Information Authorization and Declaration of Representative."

For more information about the examination procedure order free IRS Publication 556, "Examination of Returns, Appeal Rights, and Claim for Refund" by calling toll-free 1-800-424-3676.

Our Tele-Tax service offers similar information. Just dial 1-800-554-4477 and punch in topic 105 for Tele-Tax's recorded tax information.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Public Library, in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., on Monday, December 19, 1988 upon petition of New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. dated November 29, 1988 for permission to: One proposed Concrete Pad and Pedestal Terminal to improve service in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Dated this 5th day of December, 1988. Information regarding this petition may be obtained from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Springfield between 8-10 a.m. tel. no. 787-0391.

Petition No. 128908
Street, Main Street
Ursula Retzler
Council Clerk

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Dated this 5th day of December, 1988. Information regarding this petition may be obtained from Western Mass. Electric Company in Springfield, Tel. No. 785-5871 Ext. 2480.

Petition No. AG-1277
Street, Springfield Street
Ursula Retzler
Council Clerk

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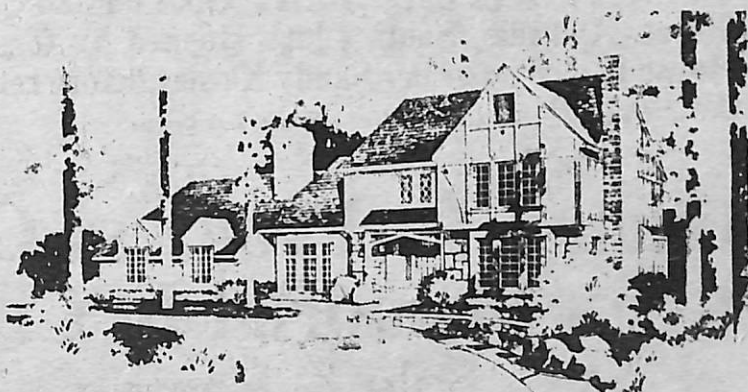
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Agawam Police Blotter For Last Week

On December 5th, **Scott Johnson**, 77 Park Edge Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Southwick Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Steve Draghetti and Eric Lottermoser.

On December 5th, **Theresa Phelan**, 500 Hancock Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with shoplifting, possession of a hypodermic needle and syringe, and trespassing. Arresting officers were Steve Draghetti and Eric Lottermoser.

On December 5th, **Magaly Colon**, 350 Liberty Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Dan Ciak and Donald Gallerani.

On December 6th, **Patrick E. Connor**, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding West Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officer was Rick Curry.

On December 6th, **Chris Waterman**, 113 Cooley Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with using without authority, and driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Sergeant Gary Nardi, Detective Rick Niles, and Detective Tom Marmo.

On December 8th, **Robert P. Gaynor**, 51 South Alhambra Circle, Agawam, was arrested and charged with operating after suspension, unregistered motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle, and attaching plates. Arresting officers were Sergeant William Sliech and Ron Brown.

On December 8th, **James Drewnowski**, 270 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant charging him with breaking and entering. Arresting officers were Lieutenant Robert Campbell, Sergeant Gary Nardi, Detective Joe Dymon, Detective Stanley Chmielewski, Gary O'Brien, and Mark Pfau.

On December 8th, **William C. Miller**, 27 East School Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Dan Ciak and Richard Light, Jr.

On December 9th, **Jose Miranda**, 25 Margrett Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officer was Ron Brown.

On Friday, December 9th, **Leon C. Estelle, Jr.**, of 122 Johnson Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding default warrant. Arresting officers Keith Bopko and Don Gallerani.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF HEALTH

The Agawam Board of Health will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, December 15, 1988, at 7:00 P.M. in the 1st floor conference room, Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to address the provisions of M.G.L., Chapter 111, Section 150A, dealing with the Board of Health's authority to recind, suspend or modify through the imposition or amendment of conditions the site assignment for the sanitary landfill for the Resource Recovery Facility operated by the City of Springfield.

Testimony may be presented for or against the adoption of any conditions by the Board of Health based upon a determination that the operation or maintenance of said landfill results in a threat to the public health and safety of the environment.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM BOARD OF HEALTH
William Euliano, Chairman

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For all the local news, townsfolk turn our pages every week!!!



Agawam Crime Prevention...

Police Dept. Saddened By Death Of "Bocca"

by Officer Wayne Macey
Crime Prevention Officer

Retired patrolman Tom Mezzetti sadly reported that his K-9 partner and longtime family member, "Bocca," died Sunday, December 4th.

During the years from 1980-1983, Tom and "Bocca" were assigned to Car 7 where they could be seen answering their calls and making their day-to-day contacts. Training together to obtain certification as K-9 and partner, they worked long hard hours to accomplish the obedience, tracking, and aggression aspects of police dog service.

I can bare witness to the fact that they were a successful team. I traveled to many training sites and demonstrations grooming my dog, "Radar," for the same tasks. Together with Sergeant Don Loncto and K-9 "Hawkins," Norm Nardi and K-9 "Rags," relationships grew strong and fast. There is a bond between dog and handler that can never be broken.

Over the past five years, "Bocca" had been an important part of the Mezzetti household. Tom and his wife, Barbara, could often be seen walking around Regency Park Drive (both winter and summer) with "Bocca" right by their side.

Frequent trips to New York to see their son, Tom Jr., at Columbia University, would include "Bocca" (as he took in the sights from the back seat).

When Tom was hospitalized for a long period of time, "Bocca" was both comfort and companion for Barbara. To say he will be sadly missed somehow falls short. "Bocca" was a major part of their lives and he will remain in their hearts always.

Consumer Headaches

by Officer Wayne Macey
Crime Prevention Bureau

Over a period of the last few months, many complaints have been submitted to Louis Draghetti, Consumer Affairs representative and our town inspector of Weights and Measures, in regard to townspeople paying for services which were never rendered.

There are several ways we can protect ourselves from being "ripped off" or from becoming victims of those who need a quick buck and think nothing of taking the money and disappearing.

Important to remember is that these con artists will usually pick on the people who are most vulnerable or susceptible to human weakness. When it comes to business dealings and relationships, the key words are caution and common sense.

1. Whenever someone comes to the door advertising services such as home improvement, etc., a bell should go off in your head. CAUTION: Reputable people or businesses will have no need to go door-to-door soliciting work.

2. When securing services or products of any kind, give no money down; make no payments until a contract (both legal and binding) is secured. CAUTION: When uncertain as to wording or arrangements, check with family or a professional for advice before commitment.

3. REFERENCES ARE A MUST! Any contractor offering services or materials should be asked to produce references from previous clients. Included should be names and addresses of people who can be contacted to verify quality of work and satisfaction with services. CAUTION: If references are unavailable or cannot be supplied, say goodbye.

4. Telephones should not be a means by which services are secured. It is always preferable to meet in person with a contractor in order to avoid misunderstanding and properly evaluate just who you are about to do business with. CAUTION: Do not succumb to pressure over the telephone.

5. The job should not be fully-financed or paid for in full until you are fully satisfied with the work. CAUTION: Payment in full only when satisfied in full.

If we apply the good sense God gave us, with the caution often learned through painful experience, our consumer headaches will be limited and minor in nature. I think it is probably most important to remember that affairs of business should not be handled with the heart but rather with the head.

If I may borrow the famous warning P.T. Barnum once gave the public, "There's a sucker born every minute." Take heed!

Municipal Events

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Thursday, December 15th
Board of Health
Public Hearing
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Monday, December 19th
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Agawam Public Library
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Agawam Obituaries

Concetta Leporati

Concetta "Tina" (Palombella) Leporati, 72, of 1026 Springfield Street, Agawam, died in Mercy Hospital.

Born in Groton, Connecticut, she was a lifelong resident of West Springfield. She was a proofreader for the Springfield Newspapers, retiring in 1979. She worked for the newspaper for more than 30 years.

She was a communicant of St. Ann's Church, and was a member of its St. Ann Society, the Nocturnal Adoration Society, and the Parish Council of the church. She was a group director of Loaves and Fishes, and a member of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 207. Her husband, Albert A. Leporati, died in 1969.

She leaves two sons, Alan of West Springfield, and Jeffery B. of Agawam; two daughters, Susan K. Cavallon of West Springfield, and Sandra J. Walters of Westfield; a brother, Ty of Somers, Connecticut; three sisters, Ida M. Reid of Agawam, Angela M. Leporati of West Springfield, and Elaine R. Parent of West Springfield, and 11 grandchildren.

The funeral was at Curran-Jones West Springfield Funeral Home, and in the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Ann's Society Scholarship Fund, 576 Memorial Drive, West Springfield, MA, 01089, or to the Stigmatine Fathers.

Alfred J. Daignault

Alfred J. Daignault, 73, of 80 South Alhambra Street, Agawam, a retired 30-year diecaster at Wico Electric

and Presto Lite Inc., died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

Born in Derby, Vermont, he came to West Springfield in 1927. He moved to Agawam in 1966. He was a communicant of St. John's Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Rose Mickna; a daughter, Carol Ann Rock of Southwick; two brothers, Raymond Moquin of Springfield and Leon Moquin of Florida; a sister, Alice Dupuis of California; six grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. A son, Robert M. Daignault, died in 1968.

The funeral was at Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

Antonia Veronesi

Antonia "Toni" (Simonelli) Veronesi, 90, formerly of 15 Wright Street, Agawam, died in local nursing home.

Born in Brenzone, Verona, Italy, she moved to Sheffield in 1920 and then to Agawam 16 years ago. She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, and a member of the Agawam Golden Agers. Her husband, Gaetano Veronesi, died in 1974.

She leaves two sons, Bruno of Simsbury, Connecticut, and Agostino of Feeding Hills; a daughter, Caroline Nodari of Springfield; a brother, Giovanni Simonelli, and a sister, Candida Veronesi, both of

Verona; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Tazzini Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, Feeding Hills. Memorial contributions may be made to the Agawam Firefighters Association Ambulance Fund, 1200 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030.

Albert J. Letendre

Albert J. Letendre, 81, of 1F Castle Hill Road, Agawam, a retired 30-year superintendent of E.W. Larkin Company, died in Mercy Hospital, Springfield. He retired in 1972.

Born in Springfield, he later moved to Agawam. He was a communicant of St. Theresa's Church and a 34-year member of Springfield Elks Lodge 61. He was also a member of Springfield Local 108 of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and the Orphans Club.

He leaves his wife, the former Cosbi Cutting; a son, William A. of Northampton; a daughter, Susan Schmidt-Letendre of Cologne, West Germany; two sisters, Blanche Letendre and Ann O'Keefe, both of Agawam, and four grandchildren.

The funeral was at Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Hampshire County, Northampton.

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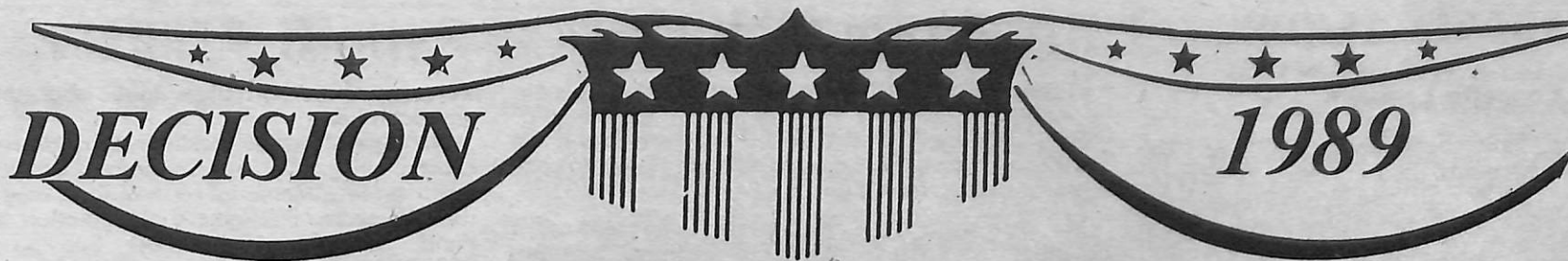
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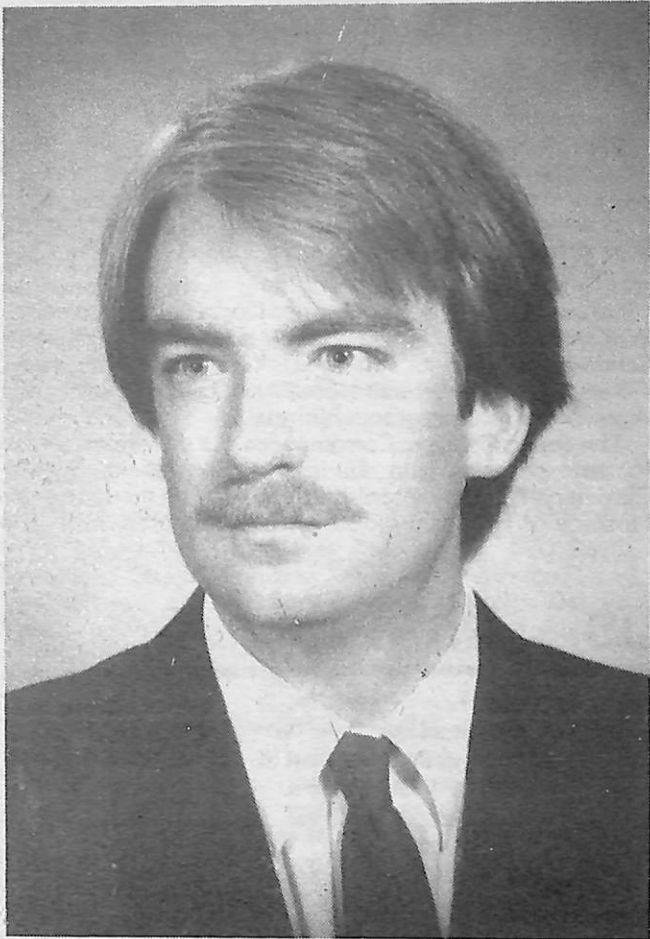
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Agawam Selects A Mayor!



TOWN COUNCILOR CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON

Councilor Johnson Announces Run For Mayor

Town Councilor Christopher C. Johnson of 25 Valentine Terrace, Agawam, has announced his candidacy for the office of the first Mayor of the Town of Agawam.

"I am a lifelong resident of Agawam, and a graduate of Agawam High School. I received a bachelor of science degree from American International College, where I majored in business management and graduated with honors. I received a juris doctor degree from Western New England College School of Law, where I concentrated in business, tax, and labor law and graduated with honors.

"I have worked for the State of Connecticut in the Office of Labor Relations. Presently, I am practicing law in Northampton with the law firm of Wilhelm, Hamilton & King. My practice is primarily concentrated in real estate, tax law, and litigation. I am presently serving on the Agawam Town Council, and I am the chairman of the School Budget Committee and the St. Anne's Property Committee.

"I believe Agawam is at a crucial point in its history, and must begin to plan for its future. We must make a firm commitment to our schools to insure the best possible education for our children. We must start to approach development in a responsible manner, and begin to conserve the remaining open spaces of Agawam.

"We must provide housing and services for our elderly population, as well as insuring affordable housing for our youth. We must take steps to insure a clean environment for future generations. We must stop being a dumping ground for Springfield's unwanted facilities (i.e., jail, sewage treatment plant, incinerator, landfill, etc.).

"During my term on the Town Council, I have worked hard to do what is in the best interests of the Town of Agawam. I have fought hard for what the people want. I have been an honest and independent voice on the Town Council.

"I will bring the same honesty, integrity and independence to the office of Mayor. I believe my combination of hard work, education and experience will be invaluable as Agawam's Mayor. Above all, I will do my best to make Agawam a great place to live," concluded Johnson.

For all the local news, townsfolk turn our pages every week!

Bonavita Proposes Jail Task Force For Town

Agawam Mayoral Candidate Anthony C. Bonavita has declared that the Town of Agawam must prepare to use all available legal steps to fight the siting and construction of the proposed Hampden County Jail in Agawam, including the construction of temporary units pending completion of the new facility.

While the Agawam legislative delegation has taken a position in opposition to an Agawam site and the Hampden County Commissioners have recommended the Taylor Street site in the City of Springfield, Bonavita's position is that we must be equipped to promptly act if the Commonwealth of Massachusetts selects an Agawam site.

"We cannot depend upon the state bureaucracy in Boston which could make the wrong decision, adversely affecting every citizen of the Town of Agawam," said Bonavita.

"If Agawam land is used as a temporary site or selected for the permanent jail, it will be a grave error for many reasons and will affect the lives of all members of the Agawam community. The use of Agawam's land for this purpose is contrary to the in-

tegrity of the residential character of the area and would have an extremely negative impact upon the future of the Town of Agawam.

"Major factors in this respect are the transportation of prisoners to and from the jail, the safety of Agawam's citizens, and the extensive visitation schedules afforded to relatives of the prisoners which will require use of Town of Agawam roads and facilities, which are already overburdened," Bonavita added.

"The Town of Agawam has already provided its share of land for the site of numerous regional public projects. The citizens of Agawam must control their own destiny and stop Agawam from being the regional 'dumping ground.'"

"To date, a strong grass roots organization has opposed the siting of a jail in Agawam. I recommend the existing citizen's group, business and civic leaders, elected officials, and interested members of the public to form a Task Force to combat the siting of the jail in Agawam."

Bonavita stated, "A jail in the Town of Agawam will destroy Agawam's positive community spirit."

Citizens of Agawam



I Love Politics!!

So do many of you enjoy Politics! But...this is not the season for Politics.

'tis the season to be merry

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Holiday homes are beautiful, but don't let yours lead to a fire. The Agawam Fire Department wishes you happy holidays with these safety reminders.

Winter holidays and candles seem to go together. They symbolize joy, warmth, security and light; but if you're not careful with them, they can end your holiday festivities in a flash. If you use candles or other open flames in your household decorations this season, remember these safety tips: **Keep flames well away** from anything that can burn - upholstered furniture, curtains, lampshades, and flammable holiday decorations. Never leave a flame unattended, even for a moment. And keep children away from all fires.

Evergreen boughs are used to decorate holiday homes, bringing reminders of living things into the depths of winter. They are lovely, but must be protected from accidental fire. If using a candle in an arrangement with greens, be sure it's in a stable glass enclosure to keep the flame well away from the dry, flammable greens. Keep greens moist and discard them as soon as they become dry and brittle.

Christmas trees are beautiful but present their own terrible hazards. Whether your tree is cut or living, keep it well watered. Of course you will never use live candles or other flame on a tree no matter how charming the tradition seems. Electric lights must be approved by Underwriters Laboratories as shown by a UL

hangtag on the cord. Never use strings of lights that have frayed or broken cords. Do not overload electric outlets or overuse extension cords. Demanding too much current from your circuits can make wiring overheat and start fires inside your walls.

Purchase only living trees with root balls or freshly cut trees. Some cut trees were harvested months ago and are dangerously dry by the time you shop for your tree. Test freshness by closing your thumb and forefinger around a branch and pulling your hand toward the branch tip. The needles should feel soft and springy, and few should drop to the ground.

When you get your tree home, cut about an inch off the bottom of the trunk and place the tree in water. The cutting step is important because a cut tree tries to "heal" its cut by sealing it with its own sap. This also prevents it from drinking. Use a stand that holds plenty of water so the tree will not dry out. A tree can become a flaming torch in seconds. It burns so hot that it can engulf an entire room in less than two minutes.

Don't block doorways or hallways with your tree. In a fire, seconds count and you need every possible exit.

And consider one of the newest fire safety gifts: a tiny but effective smoke detector disguised as a tree ornament. Give one to yourself and to each of your loved ones. What better way to say you care? Don't let a holiday fire end your festivities.

EARLY DEADLINE: Please remember that due to the Christmas holiday, our deadline for next week is Monday, December 19th.

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Editorial

Moreno Says Conflict Exists On Setting Mayor's Salary On Dec. 19th

To The Editor:

There is a serious and vital question that must be answered by the Agawam City Council before they vote to set the new mayor's salary.

Chapter 14, Article IV of the town code is the method used to create and raise salaries of public employees elected or hired in Agawam. The question of conflict definitely arises when the councilors who are candidates for mayor will be placed in the position of voting to establish the dollar amount of what may be their salary (if elected as mayor).

As I see it, each candidate for mayor who is now a councilor will be in conflict if the candidate's vote is allowed to be counted. As it stand now, two of the councilors are already declared candidates. Will there be more?

The question is "should these people be allowed to vote to set their potential future salaries? Let's look at this from another aspect as well. Should a councilor who is a campaign manager for a mayor candidate also be allowed to vote on this salary?

The problem becomes more ticklish when it is realized that it takes two-thirds of the full council to pass this mayor's salary. It could cause a stalemate situation if the number of candidates for mayor, or blood relatives of candidates for mayors, exceed the votes required to get a two-thirds vote of the council.

If two-thirds of the 11-member council is eight votes, and if as many as four councilors are not eligible to vote on this issue, then there is not even enough votes to pass the resolution before you even begin talking about it. Already, Councilors Johnson and Nardi have announced, and perhaps even Councilor Borgatti may decide to run.

In my considered opinion, the "rule of necessity" may not apply here. I suggest that the salary of the mayor be held up until after the March 28th Primary. This will also give the town time to seriously study the issue and wipe-out any frivolous salary ideas, such as the one for \$10,000 offered by a candidate.

Yours truly
Valentine R. Moreno
Florida Drive, Agawam

Johnson Candidacy Supported

To The Editor:

The residents of Agawam can really make a new start and end the old regime with this mayoralty election.

The choice is ours—continue with the same old bickering and politicking or go forward with a new clean slate.

Chris Johnson has all the qualifications needed to make a good mayor.

His education has prepared him to cope with the problems of our town.

He has not become involved with the squabbling that has been going on too long. He shows good judgement on any issue that has come before the Council.

He will bring order out of the chaos we now have and get this town back on the track of good government.

I think we should make our choice now—a new clean slate or the old blundering, name calling group.

Let's get back the respect our town deserves.

Sincerely,
Pauline Flathman
Feeding Hills

Guest Editorial...

Councilor Lockhart Responds To Our Editorial; Again Supports Charles

To The Editor:

I have always felt that *The Agawam Advertiser* serves a good purpose in our town with your excellent coverage of groups in the School Department—academic as well as sports. The photos and articles on various events are commendable. It is in the area of your politics that I have some serious questions, especially when I am the object of your remarks. Over the past months you have seen fit to hold me up to ridicule because of disagreement with my ideas and actions on the Agawam Town Council. Up to last week I chose not to reply to your unfair and ill advised remarks. I felt you had a right to your own opinion even though you did not grant me the same right. Let me enlarge my thoughts so that you might better understand where I am coming from.

1. My support of our Town Manager, Reid Charles.

Having served on the Town Council over many years I felt I was in a position to compare the managers I served under. For me, Reid was our best. He backed increased compensation for the department heads and other employees. He did not make all the improvements by himself but he backed and supported them. The new Police Station was all paid for when it opened on Springfield Street, new roofs were put on many schools, and the renovation of the Middle School on Main Street continues. The Perry Lane Recreational and Educational Facility is to his credit. The renovation of the Town Hall by the men of the D.P.W. is also to his credit. He was a professional in every sense of the word. He did his job and stayed in the background for others to get the credit. I felt that if certain councilors would stay off his back and certain department heads would do their jobs and the assessing specialists would speed up their operations, the finances of the town would improve with the help of the people. Some councilors, however, who were hungry to dismiss Reid Charles gave him no peace and set in motion that which caused him to resign. Coupled with this was the political ambition to have a mayor. Soon we shall have a mayor which will cost more money for the taxpayers and headlines will be constant. Much more than before. I supported Reid Charles because I have never been one to forsake a friend.

On the night that he resigned I felt that \$25,000 was not an adequate amount for severance pay as \$18,000 of that amount was due him for vacation and other matters, leaving only \$7,000. My motion to increase the amount to \$50,000 (an amendment that was not seconded) was based on that other fiasco that the Town Council had when Councilor Ed Caba was removed as manager. That fiasco cost the taxpayers \$250,000 in settlement and lawyers' fees.

2. Your Editorial on October 6th, 1988 was entitled: "Lockhart's Ouster Attempt—Exercise In Sheer Mischief."

I assure you there was no mischief in my attempt to

get a new President for the Town Council. I was most sincere. I have supported the President in the past and in some cases I was the deciding vote for his election. I support him no longer. The President's actions in the manager's removal followed a pattern he did in the removal of previous managers. I still feel that he should step down as president of the Town Council because he has lost his objectivity and serves only his favored group of councilors. The town suffers when such partisanship is so evident. I trust that in January we shall elect a new president.

3. Editorial December 8th, 1988: "Cheap Shot Fired At Manager Linda Mundo—Shows No Class: Low Road Taken."

You have no corner on the expression "Cheap Shot." I thought that the whole editorial was just that toward me. You mentioned in the end of the editorial that when the Ethics Committee fined me \$250 for voting for the Firefighters' contract when my son was a firefighter you were not going to publish it because it was so unfair. Now I ask why do you make reference to it in a context that had nothing to do with the Town Manager. Did you use it to embarrass me? That's a "cheap shot"!

Articles on the Town Council agenda call for review, the raising of questions and discussion. I am not counted among the favored group in the Council and I sometimes have to get my information when the item comes on the floor. The Town Charter (Article 3) which is the section on the Town Manager refers to Appointment, Qualification and Term. Nothing written on the proposed Town Manager as to her background, education, and experience has come to the members of the Council to fill this \$45,000 position which shall run for the next six months. This is through the winter months, the Budget period, and the negotiations of Union contracts.

If you want a figure head that's one thing, but if you want leadership in complex fields that's something else.

By asking the questions that I did, I felt I was being a responsible councilor. You may call it a "cheap shot" but I call it responsible leadership. Incidentally, the vote was 7-4. You said nothing about the other three negative votes. Why was I singled out? Is there a vendetta building?

Just as an aside, it is interesting that the same councilors that raised a great hue and cry when Reid appointed our new Assessor and presented no other names for the office, were the same councilors who raised no objections to the presentation of one name for the \$45,000 position of Manager.

Finally, after reading your editorials over the last few years you have often taken the "Low Road And Have Shown No Class." Merry Christmas!

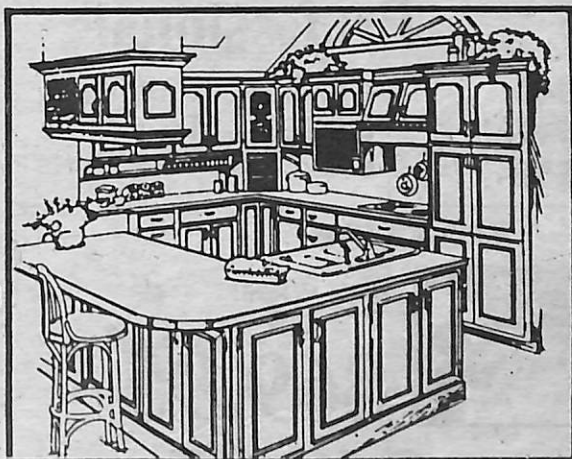
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Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, was the setting for the November 19th wedding of Miss Rhonda Martineau, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Martineau of Feeding Hills, to Allen Clermont.

The ceremony was performed by Reverend Father David Joyce, with music by Todd Rovelli.

The groom is the son of Dr. & Mrs. Harvey Clermont of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts.

Miss Tracy Hastings of Feeding Hills, a friend of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Lisa and Mary Dowling of Feeding Hills, friends of the bride; Michelle Clermont, sister of the groom; Kelly Casey, cousin of the bride; and Pamela Mancarella. Flower girl was Katie Ashley, cousin of the bride.

Best man was Mark Clermont, brother of the groom. Ushers included Jay Martineau, brother of the bride, and David Allen, Ken Johnson, Fred Pascarelli, and Russ Mollieu. Ringbearer was Jonathon Clermont, brother of the groom.

The bride wore her grandmother's wedding gown dated 1937.

A reception followed at the Oak Ridge Country Club, Feeding Hills.

Upon return from a honeymoon trip to Florida, which included a Disney cruise, the couple will reside in Brookline, Massachusetts.

The bride was employed by Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, as a registered nurse.

The groom is employed by the Joselin Diabetes Clinic, Boston, as a Biomedical Engineer.

Sons Of Norway To Hold Yuletide Fest Dec. 18th

Sons of Norway, Neptune Lodge 3-552 will hold its Yuletide Fest on Sunday, December 18th, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., with a short business meeting at 1:00 p.m. The price of admission is a plate of sandwiches or cookies. All are welcome. There will be a smorgasbord, singing, Santa, and gifts for the children.

The Fest will be at Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield. For further information, call Mrs. William Cook, 562-1338.



AIRMAN BARBARA MOREAU

Airman Barbara Moreau Graduates Basic Training

Airman Barbara A. Moreau, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Moreau of 1245 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs, and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the community college of the Air Force.

She is a 1988 graduate of Agawam High School.

Community Grange Slates Christmas Party Dec. 20th

The Christmas Party of Community Grange 382 will be held Tuesday, December 20th, at 7:00 p.m., at the Grange Hall. The Junior Grange and children of members with their parents, will be guests.

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Agawam Garden Club Holds Annual Christmas Sale At Leonard House



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM GARDEN CLUB RECENTLY gathered at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street for their Annual Holiday Sale. In photo left, pictured are members Judith Clini and Barbara Gagnon; in photo right, members Barbara Farrington and Janet Cook. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Laughing Brook Announces Holiday Week Activities

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center, Hampden, will be closed Saturday, December 24th, through Monday, December 26th. The sanctuary reopens Tuesday, December 27th with the first of five family programs scheduled for the vacation week. Each hour-long program begins at 2:00 p.m., and is included in the price of sanctuary admission. Pre-registration is not required.

Tuesday, December 27th, "Owls." Meet several of our resident owls and learn about the fascinating adaptations of these "flying mousetraps."

Wednesday, December 28th, "Animals In Winter." Find out how the animal world copes with the rigors of winter. Look for signs of wildlife and meet one of our resident animals.

Thursday, December 29th, "Stories With Mother West Wind." Spend an hour hearing the stories of Thornton Burgess as told by Mother West Wind.

Friday, December 30th, "The Woods In Winter." Walk through the sanctuary searching for animal tracks, ice sculptures and, if we're lucky, the perfect snowflake.

Saturday, December 31st, "Wildlife In New England." This guided walk will introduce to you the wildlife residents at Laughing Brook with an emphasis on their habits and habitats.

Laughing Brook is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission to the sanctuary is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children, three to 16 and seniors, and free for Massachusetts Audubon members and children under three. For further information, call Laughing Brook, 566-8034.

Springfield's First Church Has Christmas Eve Service

The festive lights and decorations in downtown Springfield, especially around the Court Square area, make First Church a beautiful setting for special activities at this season and the church wishes to invite the residents and visitors of the Pioneer Valley to share with them in their Christmas events.

On Saturday evening, December 24th, at 11:00 p.m., there will be a service following in the tradition of the English Cathedrals. Laity and clergy will read nine selections of scripture, and each will be followed with a musical selection that is appropriate to the "word."

A candlelight procession by the choir, leading the congregation in singing many carols, begins this service. Following the readings, the entire congregation, in the darkened and beautiful historic Meeting House, shares in a candlelight ceremony and this service concludes at midnight with everyone singing "Joy to the World" by candlelight. Everyone is invited to attend this service. It is a very special way to begin your celebration of the birth of Christ.

James Douglass Riddle is pastor, Charles E. Page, minister of music; Deborah Trimble, soprano; Matthew Taylor, tenor; Kirsten Shirer, alto; and Bruce Johnson, baritone.

Agawam Knights Of Columbus Receives "Founders Award"

Knights of Columbus Council 5585 of Agawam has been named a "Founders Award" winner, presented for successful promotion of the organization's fraternal insurance program during the 1987-88 fraternal year.

The announcement was made by the Knights of Columbus headquarters in New Haven, Connecticut. Richard Smith, Knights of Columbus field agent presented the engraved plaque to the council at a special ceremony at its regular November meeting.

In recognizing the local winner, Virgil C. Dechant, president of the international organization said, "Please accept my sincere congratulations upon attaining this prestigious award. The dedication to the principles and aims of the order shown by your officers and members is exemplified by the high standard of excellence you have achieved. At the same time, I encourage you to carry forward this enthusiasm to meet the challenges that will face the Knights of Columbus in the years ahead. May this award be a reminder and an inspiration to the members of your council to continue to promote the ideals of Columbianism for the good of the church, your community, and the order."

In accepting the award, Gerald Spaman, head of the local group said, "Receiving this award is quite an honor. We're very pleased with this accomplishment."

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization with 1.4 million dues-paying members worldwide. In 1987, they disbursed over \$79 million for charitable and benevolent causes and gave more than 27 million hours of volunteer service.

West Side/Ag. Emblem Club Helps Local Charities

At the November meeting of the West Springfield-Agawam Emblem Club 526, the following state officers were present: State President Gloria Ely from Worcester 51, and Vice Presidents—First Vice President Ruth Lehoun from Watertown 6, Third Vice President Elsa Criscitello from Tewksbury-Wilmington 381, and Fourth Vice President Barbara Shea from Hudson 227. Also Past State President Julia Devaney, Cambridge 108.

These state officers conducted a mini-workshop on proper procedures of meeting rituals. A question and answer period was also held.

At this meeting the spirit of charity was observed. Donations were voted to go to the following organizations: The Rescue Mission, Toys for Joy Springfield, Toys for Tots Westfield, Scleroderma Research, Our Lady of Providence Home for Children, women patients at the Holyoke Soldier's Home, and the Soup Kitchen of Westfield.

A money gift and an offer of cookies toward the Elks Children's Christmas Party was promised.

The following names of charities were given to the State Emblem Organization to be considered in their gift to a Western Massachusetts Christmas donation: The Open Pantry, West Springfield; Kate's Kitchen, Holyoke; Homeless Shelter, Westfield; and Cancer Research.

Coming event that the West Springfield-Agawam Club will be involved in is the Emblem Christmas Party at the Sheraton, Thursday, December 15th.

As part of the Americanism program of the club, a Bingo was held at the Holyoke Soldier's Home and wool scarves are being knitted for patients at Northampton Veterans Hospital for Christmas.

Also an essay contest will be held in March for school children. The subject matter is "Are we abusing our freedoms?" More on this contest will be announced later.

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BEAUTIFUL POINSETTIAS were being sold by Anna Cecchi of Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



HOLDING A HANDMADE "Missy Piggy" is Ethel Desmond; Dorine Kubik shows-off a poinsettia. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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After The Calm, The Storm

It seems somewhat ironic as one reflects upon the era of prohibition (1920) that with the federal and state laws that would disallow the "manufacture, sale, or shipment of intoxicating drinks," the decade to follow would prove one of the worst of 10 years time in the decadence of American society.

Yet the facts, being what they are, must prove that the "Roaring Twenties" well deserved the title.

Of course, we do not advocate that alcoholic beverages are to be totally admired, yet it was not the "booze" that prompted such action on the part of government, rather those who would abuse the beverage!

There is much to be learned from the ancient Greek civilization that believed in nothing to excess—moderation! Perhaps Agawam's H. Porter Company (gin mill) might still be with us today (providing many families with a special holiday treat), had it not been for the drinkers who themselves went to untold extremes.

Yet it is to the credit of Harvey E. Porter to recognize the writing on the wall as the 1920's appeared, wearing the cloak of the Prohibition Act. In retrospect, it would appear that the temperance movement in its conclusive act had been nothing short of a Trojan Horse!

What with today's most liberal interpretations, one might doubt that the federal government would get very far in its efforts to pass such far reaching legislation as the 18th Amendment. Surely there is reason to believe that such an act would be looked upon as being a travesty against the personal lives of the general public.

18th Amendment But The Tip Of The Iceberg

When one ponders upon the devastating effects the 18th Amendment had on our nation, it becomes obvious that such legislation was to serve an even greater threat to the people's well-being in the form of organized crime!

Consider that with the legal production of alcohol, there was less chance for illegal bootlegging that would lead to organized crime in truly misleading the general public! It's a simple case of: **Exit, Legal Alcohol, Enter, Illegal Alcohol**, and with it the continuation of a crime wave that is just as active today as it was during the 1920's, even more so!

Even worse is the fact that in time, the 18th Amendment was repealed. So what had been gained?

To fully comprehend the full magnitude that prohibition had on our natural history, one must turn back the pages of American history to the days following the Civil War, when the "Temperance Movement" was beginning to take shape.

Today, social historians will tell us that following the War Between the States, multitudes of immigrants entered our country, especially during the late 1800's through the early 1900's. More often than not, these immigrants sought the refuge of the local pubs, hoping to spend some time with those of like character following a long day of hard work!

In time, the practice was to develop into a general habit of hard drinking, usually at the financial and social expense of the family. Naturally, a strong social effort was to ensue against such a practice, hence the Temperance Movement.

It is just possible that area historian Louis Everts might have been caught-up in the tempest of the Temperance Movement, since his fine history was published in 1879. If this be so, then it is reasonable to presume that the author read lightly on the subject of the H. Porter Company's product for obvious reasons.

Agawam Gin Among The Best

It cannot be denied that Agawam Gin proved a profitable product. According to the town history, it might have been used as a purchasing agent for African slaves during the heyday of slavery. In any respect, the gin ranked in competition with such other similar competitors as Fleischman's and London Dry Gin!

Although we cannot attest to the reason why Agawam Gin was so popular, we might assume it was due in part to the manner of brewing and aging.

Again, town historian Edith LaFrancis states that the local gin was "100 proof and aged five years in charred (wooden) barrels." Also, the label makes mention of its being "Triple Copper Distilled," and we leave this bit of knowledge up to the experts!

Of still further interest is the fact that the product was not bottled locally, rather it was shipped to Springfield and later bottled by the Daniel Spaight Company at 188 Main Street, thereafter transported to local drug and package stores throughout the area.

The fact remains that since its earliest years (1780's) the Porter family did provide a much-wanted product and it can be truly stated that it was in demand due to its fine quality. Such being the case we conclude with the old saying, "We'll drink to that!"

For The History Buffs And Genealogists

Apart from the Porter family itself, we are indebted to West Side resident Leon Delaney for providing us with several names of those employees who had worked for the H. Porter Company, perhaps during the early 1900's. We thought it might prove of interest to some few families, hence the following names: Chief Distiller, James Heffernan; other employees were James Morris, Victor Rochette, and Walter Thompson.

Mrs. LaFrancis' history states that a "John Reigo was distiller for many years around 1880," and again, she mentions that E.P. Atkinson was the bookkeeper during the early 1900's.

But without a doubt, the man of many talents who was to faithfully serve the Porter Company from 1903 to 1920 was Martin Delaney. One need only read of the endeavors of this man to appreciate that the company must have flourished during his reign as general manager, rectifier (taster), and all-around salesman (to appreciate his worth to the company).

Even today there is considerable evidence of the Porter prosperity in that the John Porter homestead is still intact, thanks to the Thorpe family (on South Main Street), facing the original property that housed the distillery. Likewise, we have been told that the present day D.P.W. garage on Main Street is located in what is probably the original brick distillery.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Saturday, December 17th
Christmas Cantata
Adult Choir Of
St. Theresa's Church
Bridge Street.
7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 18th
"Evening Of Song"
CCD senior/junior choirs
Sacred Heart Church
7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 20th
Annual Christmas Party
Community Grange Hall
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 21st
Annual Winter Concert
Agawam High School Music Dept.
Agawam High Auditorium
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Saturday, December 24th
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Christmas Plum Pudding

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¾ square chocolate or 3 tablespoons cocoa
¼ cup currents
¼ cup raisins
1 envelope gelatin
¾ cup dates, chopped
¼ cup nuts, chopped
½ cup sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon vanilla
2 egg whites
cherries (maraschino)

Put milk with chopped fruit in a double boiler. When cooked slightly, add cocoa or chocolate which has been melted and mixed with part of the sugar and a little milk to make a smooth paste.

Pour cold water in a bowl and sprinkle gelatin on top of water. Add to hot chocolate mixture and stir until dissolved. Add sugar, salt and stir. Remove from fire, cool, when thickened, add nuts, some cherries, and vanilla and lastly, fold in whites of eggs beaten very stiff.

Turn into mold, decorate with whole nuts, raisins and cherries. Chill, Top with Cool Whip or whipped cream.

Sweet Dough Yeast Bread

This basic "Rapid Mix-Cool Rise" method sweet dough can be substituted for almost any other sweet dough.

Sweet dough differs from plain bread because it contains eggs as well as more sugar and butter or margarine.

Use sweet dough to make any style of dinner roll, breakfast roll, or coffee cake.

5-6 cups flour
2 packages active dry yeast
½ cup sugar
1½ teaspoons salt

½ cup (1 stick) margarine
1½ cups hot water (120°-130°F)
2 eggs (room temperature)
Cooking Oil

Combine 2 cups of flour, dry yeast, sugar, and salt in a large bowl. Stir to blend. Add soft margarine (room temperature). Pour hot water into bowl, all at once. Beat with electric mixer at medium speed for 2 minutes. Scrape sides of bowl occasionally. Add eggs and one more cup of flour. Beat at high speed with mixer for 1 minute or until thick and elastic. Scrape sides of bowl occasionally. Stir in remaining flour gradually with wooden spoon. Use just enough flour to make a soft dough which leaves the sides of the bowl. Turn out on floured board; round up into a ball. Knead for about 10 minutes or until smooth and elastic. (You can divide to knead if you find it easier). Cover with plastic wrap, then towel. Let rest 15 to 20 minutes; punch down. The Sweet Dough is now ready to shape. After shaping, place in greased pan, brush with oil and cover loosely with plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 2 to 48 hours. Remove from refrigerator, uncover and let stand for at least 10 minutes and puncture any surface bubbles with an oiled toothpick before baking. Bake at 375°F for 30 to 35 minutes or until done. Brush with margarine or butter while still warm if you wish.

Christmas Stollen

Each recipe of Basic Sweet Dough will make 3 medium or 2 large breads.

1 recipe "Rapid Mix-Cool Rise" sweet dough

Mix together:

¾ cup mixed fruit cake fruits
¾ cup blanched chopped almonds
1½ tablespoons grated lemon rind
¾ cup seedless raisins
¾ cup white raisins

Margarine and oil
icing and candied cherries

After dough has set 20 minutes, divide in half or thirds and pat out on lightly floured board or counter. Divide the fruit mixture onto each round. Fold over edges and gently knead in fruit. Roll into ½ inch thick ovals; brush top with softened margarine. Fold bread in half, lengthwise, pressing together slightly in order to maintain fold. Place on lightly greased baking sheet. Brush with oil. Cover lightly with plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 2 to 48 hours. Remove from refrigerator, let stand at least 10 minutes. Bake at 350°F as directed. Remove from oven, brush with softened margarine. When almost cool, drizzle with zig-zags of an icing made with confectioners sugar and lemon juice. It should be just thin enough to pour slowly. Decorate with halves of candied cherries. When completely cool, wrap in sturdy plastic wrap. Add a bow of ribbon or heavy yarn.

Hint: Use a cold porch or unheated hallway if you do not have refrigerator space.

Lemon Bubble Ring

This crown of "lemon bubbles" will grace any

breakfast or brunch buffet table. The sections of dough separate easily for serving.

1 recipe "Rapid Mix-Cool Rise" sweet dough

Mix together:

½ cup sugar
¼ teaspoon mace

Grated peel from 2 lemons

2 tablespoons margarine or butter

Shape the dough into approximately 32-one inch "balls." Place one half of the balls in a single layer in a well-greased angel food or tube pan. Sprinkle with one half of the sugar mixture; add another layer of dough balls. Sprinkle with remaining sugar mix. Cover and refrigerate 2 to 48 hours. Let set at least 10 minutes before baking 35 to 45 minutes at 350°F. Bake until golden brown and bread sounds hollow when tapped on the bottom. Cool 5 minutes before removing from pan.

Tip: It's much easier to grate lemon rind if you trim both tips off the lemon first. Freeze the juice from the lemons in ice cube trays. Store in freezer bags for later use.

Pineapple-Minted Turkey Breast

A whole turkey breast is a marvelous way to serve a large number of people. The pineapple sauce adds a special touch. You can also purchase a whole turkey and cut it up yourself. Save the other pieces in casseroles or soups. Use the whole breast for Pineapple-Minted Turkey Breast. Double the sauce recipe if you want to allow for more than 1½ tablespoons of sauce per serving.

1 turkey breast (4 to 6 pounds), skin removed

1 can (20 ounces) pineapple chunks, in natural juice

½ cup pineapple or apple juice

1½ tablespoons cornstarch

2 tablespoons dried mint leaves

¼ teaspoon salt

If frozen, defrost turkey breast according to instructions on wrapper. Place breast on rack in shallow roasting pan; cover with aluminum foil. Place in preheated 325°F oven and roast for 1½ to 2¼ hours or until meat thermometer registers 170°F when inserted into thickest part, not touching bone. If breast has a pop-up timer, rely on this to indicate doneness.

During roasting time, drain pineapple chunks, reserve juice. Add additional pineapple or apple juice to measure 1½ cups. In medium saucepan, stir together cornstarch, mint, and salt. Gradually stir in juice until smooth. Stirring constantly, bring to boil over medium heat and boil 1 minutes. Remove from heat. Remove ½ cup of mixture for glaze. Stir pineapple chunks into remaining mixture for sauce; reserve.

Remove turkey breast from oven 45 minutes before projected done time. Brush with glaze. Return to oven uncovered, and continue roasting, brushing frequently with glaze until breast tests done.

Remove turkey breast from oven and allow to set 10 to 15 minutes before slicing. Heat sauce and serve 1½ tablespoons over each serving of sliced turkey. Yield 2½ servings per pound of turkey breast, enough sauce for 16 servings of turkey breast.

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But of even greater significance are two memorials to Minerva Porter Davis, sister to Harvey Porter, Jr., who became one of our town's foremost philanthropists. It was through the generosity of Minerva Davis that today Agawam and Feeding Hills may justly boast of the magnificent Captain Charles Leonard House and the Davis Library Building on South Main Street (hopefully, soon to house the local Historical Commission services, among other organizations).

In a final word, we might add that Mrs. Davis was married to Charles Palmer Davis, who was to add still another first to Agawam's proud historic past. Thanks to Davis, even today our nation's schools continue to read "The Weekly Reader" and "Current Events." Although the student newspapers were at first published in Springfield, its originator lived on his farm in Agawam!

Last but not least, we understand that bottle collectors may justly boast of having at least one original Agawam Gin bottle amongst their collection. If so, the memory lives on and rightfully so!



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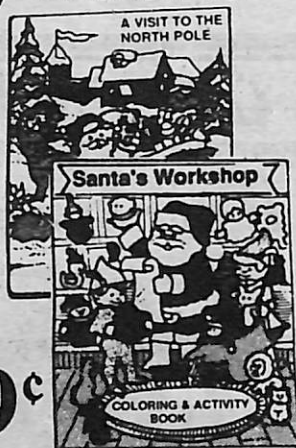
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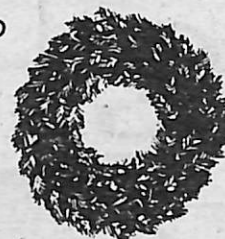


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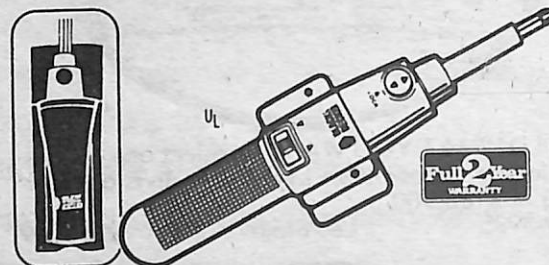
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The adult choir of St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus Church, Bridge Street, Agawam, will be performing a Christmas Cantata entitled, "Song of Christmas," by Robert & Betty Hughes.

The concert is scheduled for Saturday, December 17th, at 7:00 p.m., in the church. There will also be one or two short organ preludes performed by guest organists.

Refreshments will be served immediately following the concert in the parish center. Admission is free.

The concert is being sponsored in part by Agawam Funeral Home and Sounds of Music, both in Agawam.

Sacred Heart Church Sets Evening Of Song Dec. 18th

Sacred Heart Church of Feeding Hills senior and junior choirs invites you to an Evening of Song, Sunday, December 18th, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The senior choir will present "The King of Glory Cantata," while the junior choir will sing a cantata entitled "Keep Christ In Christmas." Come and enjoy an evening of song. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served following the concert in the parish center on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Santa Claus Coming To Perry Lane Park Dec. 24th

Attention: All Good Little Girls & Boys!

Santa will be arriving by helicopter at Perry Lane Park, Saturday, December 24th.

He should be landing at about 1:00 p.m., and staying until 3:00 p.m.

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Hope to see everyone at the park!

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Nancy & Stan Edwards Celebrate 40th Anniversary

On Sunday, November 27th, family and friends joined in celebration of the 40th wedding anniversary of Nancy & A. Stanley Edwards at the First Baptist Church of Agawam.

Nancy & Stan were married in Bridgeport, Connecticut. They have been residents of Woodside Drive, Agawam, since 1952.

They have two children, Alan of Richardson, Texas, and Susan Provost of Tupper Lake, New York, and three grandchildren.

Special entertainment was presented by the "Melody Boys" of the Springfield Golden Age Club. Stanley A. Edwards, "Gramp," is a member of this group. Susan & Paul Provost hosted the affair.



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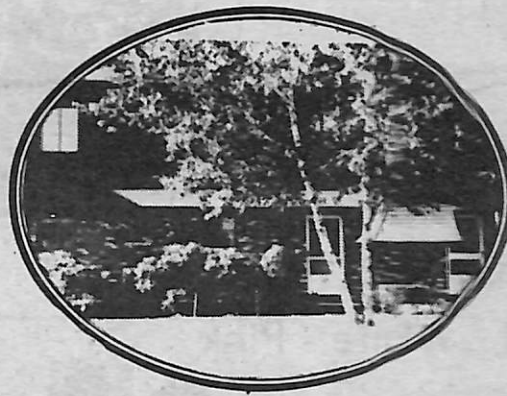
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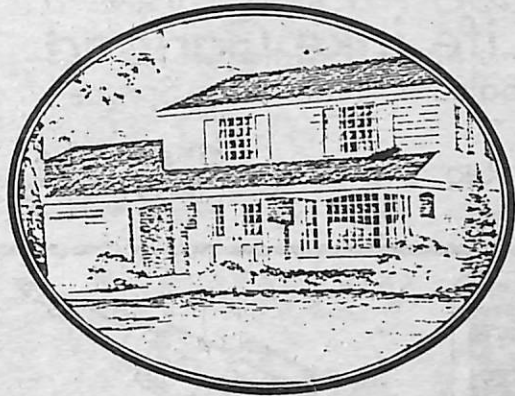
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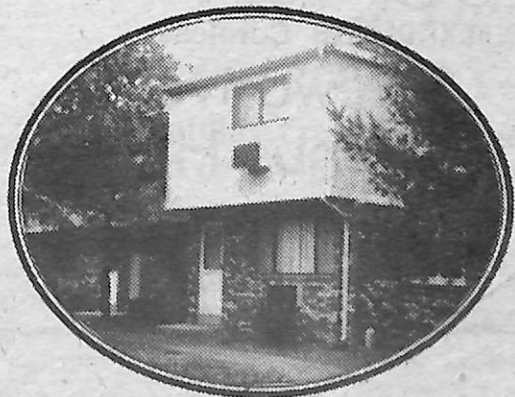
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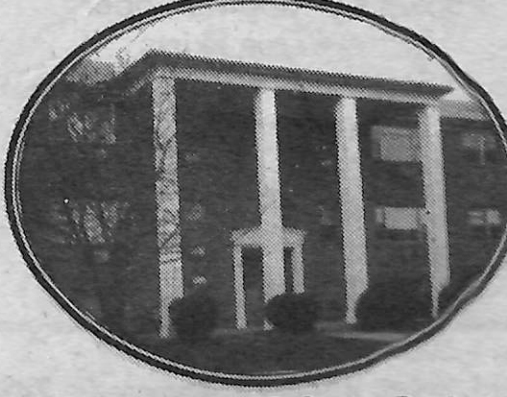
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PICTURED AT THE CHEZ JOSEF PARTY for the Agawam Golden Age Club Chapter I are Paul DeGrandpre and Connie Galli. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Senior Center News & Activities

December 15th, Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Foot Nurses by appointment.

December 19th, Monday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Eye Screening at Center by appointment.

December 20th, Tuesday: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., "SHINE" Medicare and Medex assistance by appointment.

December 20th, Tuesday: 1:00 p.m., Blood Pressure Clinic, M-Z.

December 22nd, Thursday: 12:00 noon. A special menu with entertainment. Reservations open December 15th.

December 23rd, Friday: Center closes at 12:00 noon.

December 24th, Saturday: No Bingo.

December 27th, Tuesday: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Legal consultations with Attorney Teryl Jansens.

Birthday Recognition Day:

Birthdays celebrated at the Senior Center for the month of December were **Betty Burke, Harold Channel, Leslie Hill, and Carmella Montagna**. May you all have a happy and healthy year ahead. Birthdays are celebrated on the first Tuesday of each month. Let us help celebrate your birthday by making a reservation for lunch on the first Tuesday of your birthday month, and let us know you have a birthday coming up. Give us an excuse to have a party!

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Saturday Shopping Trips via PVTA Senior Center Van:

December 17th: Eastfield Mall and Springfield Plaza

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Attend Sunday Services December 18th, 1988

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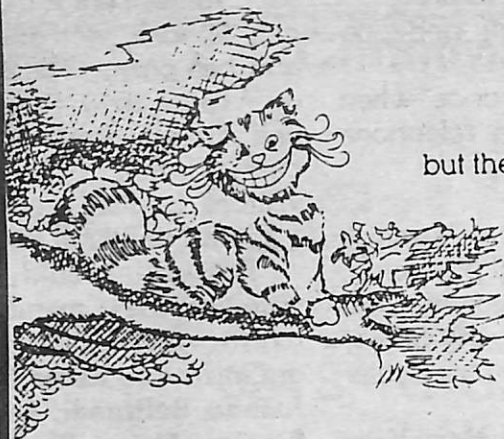
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AGAWAM CHAPTER II Banquet Chairpersons Alice Morytko, Edward Morytko, are pictured at the Christmas party with Program Chairwoman Virginia Lake. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM TOWN MANAGER LINDA MUNDO and her husband, Richard Mundo (Agawam Senior Center executive director), attended the Annual Christmas Party of the Agawam Golden Age Club Chapter II. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER NEWS - continued...

December 24th: Holyoke Mall, Westfield Shops, and the Agawam Public Library

December 31st: Eastfield Mall and Springfield Plaza

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Thank You

Congratulations and thanks to **Marilyse Rivers, R.N.**, town nurse, and local physician, **Dr. James A. Doering**, who recently administered over 800 flu shots at the Senior center. They have made Agawam a healthier place this winter.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

from the Senior Center Staff: Richard, director; Elaine, senior clerk; Pauline, community aid; Sandra, activities director; Betty, cook and her crew—Theresa, Peggy, Judy; Meals on Wheels crew: Ray, Yvonne, Norm, Jim, Ed, and Helen; Rosemarie, Dot, Rene, dispatchers; Irene, Gaila, drivers; and friendly visitors, Louise, Laura, and Genevieve.

From Friends of the Agawam Senior Center "Friends" would like to welcome the following new members as they enter their fourth successful year as a non-profit organization: **Katherine Aldrich, Dot Barden, Joanne Beltrandi, Odette Benjamin, Robert Bernier, Helen Blanchard, Dorothy Brooks,**

Elizabeth Brown, Asenath Busiere, Diane Busiere, Norma Brusseau, Marion Binnenkade, Carmeno Calento, Bill Capuano, Lillian & Joseph Cechile, Gert Coffey, Betty Couture, Vera Conway. Thank you for your support.

If you would like to become a member of "Friends," membership applications are available at the Senior Center Ticket Booth or through a board member. One does not have to be a senior citizen to join "Friends," but must be a resident of Agawam. Membership dues are \$3 per individual, and \$15 or more for corporations. New members are always welcome

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RESIDENT OF THE WEEK!

Mary King

Mary King was born and raised in Chicopee. After graduating from Holy Name High School, she obtained employment as a telephone operator with the New England Telephone Company, where she was employed for 15 years until the birth of her daughter, Patricia Ann.

During Patricia's growing years, Mary returned to work as a telephone operator for the Sears & Roebuck Company. She was employed by them for 27 years. Upon retirement Mary spent most of her time and energy doing things to benefit the West Springfield Golden Age Club.

Mary continues to lead an active life participating in a variety of functions at Heritage Hall. She has served two years on the Resident Council as recording secretary.

Mary is a warm, friendly person who always has a smile for everyone she meets. She also enjoys helping others.

Heritage Hall is pleased to have Mary as a member of its family.



RESIDENT OF THE WEEK
Mary King

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH!

Bob Cotton

Bob Cotton has been chosen as "Employee of the Month" for November. He performs his job well and has an excellent understanding of all aspects pertaining to the position and its relationship to other facility operations.

Bob is a self-starter and is constantly seeking to bring about improvements. He maintains effective working relationships with everyone and displays his conscientiousness and dependability through his daily work.

Congratulations Bob as "Employee of the Month."

Homemade Soup!

Employees of Heritage Hall are especially aware that this time of year there are people existing in our communities that are in need of help.

Mrs. Vera Conway of Pastoral Care has opened her own "Little Soup Kitchen" on campus. There is nothing better than a nice hot bowl of homemade soup on a cold winter day. Employees are enjoying the many varieties offered. With the soup, fresh homemade bread is served.

This will be a weekly occurrence during the winter months and all proceeds will benefit the Soup Kitchens in downtown Springfield, the Rescue Mission, or the Loaves and Fishes program.

Being able to help a worthy cause while enjoying a bowl of hot homemade soup is having the best of both worlds.

'Tis The Season

With all the decorating going on at Heritage Hall, the children, who are part of our intergenerational program, were not going to be left out. The children decorated the Activity Room tree.

They strung garlands of fresh popcorn and finished their work of art with an angel on top of the tree. **Sean, Courtney, Nicole, Shane, Darlene, and Michael** took great pleasure in decorating the Christmas tree in Heritage Hall North.

The Brightside Christmas Angels

Last week Heritage Hall was filled with the sounds of laughter and Christmas carols. Excited children brought smiles to the faces of many of our residents as they remembered Christmas of long ago.

This particular Christmas activity was very special because the participants were all involved in a common cause, the Brightside Christmas Angel Campaign.

The residents of Heritage Hall South, Latch key students, parents, and children representing Brightside all helped decorate the tree in the lobby. The Brightside Angels, with their familiar log, were hung on many different branches to complement other decorations.

The Angels were purchased for the tree from Pearl Bonfitto of Agawam. For the past 20 years, Pearl has



RALLYING FOR THE GIVING TREE at BayState West at Heritage Hall (South) are children Melanie, Jason, and Walter Gonet. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

volunteered many hours of her time and love to the children of Brightside. She and her husband host an Annual Christmas Party at their home for the children.

By purchasing a Brightside Angel, the proceeds benefit the children and families of the community. Some of the services and programs include residential placements, special needs school, and family support services.

Heritage Hall believes strongly in intergenerational programs, fulfilling needs within the community. We look forward to decorating our tree again next year with the Brightside Christmas Angels.



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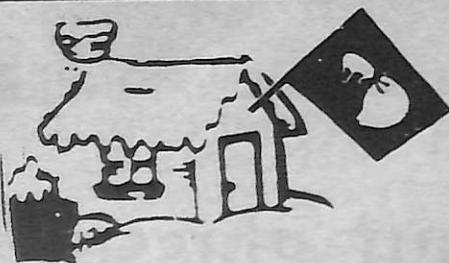
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Christmas Songs, Art Presentation At Heritage Hall



THE LONG MEADOW OVER 60 Choral Group entertained residents with songs of the season at Heritage Hall Nursing Home West Building on December 9th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



HERITAGE HALL ART DIRECTOR TED CROWLEY (kneeling) holds a portrait of the historic Captain Charles Leonard House that was painted by nursing home resident Gladys Latourneau (center). Standing are Leonard House Trustees - Richard Brindle, Esther Reynolds, Shirley Goss, Dorothy Martin, Ernest Swanson, and Elizabeth Pond. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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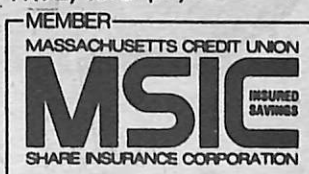
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Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve:
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Sunday, December 25th Christmas Day
Morning Masses 7:00, 8:45, 10:00, 11:30

AGAWAM FIRST BAPTIST

Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve
7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service And
Tabloid Entitled "Story Of Christmas"
Sunday, December 25th 9:30 a.m. Morning
Worship - A Festival Of Lessons & Carols

ST. THERESA'S

Saturday, December 24th - Christmas Vigil
Masses - 4:30 p.m. Childrens' Mass
11:45 p.m. Senior Choir Singing Special
Christmas Music And Carols Before
12:00 Midnight Mass. Sunday, December 25th -
Christmas Day Morning Masses 9:00 & 11:00.
Christmas Carols. Confessions On Friday,
December 23rd At 3:00 And 7:00 p.m.
And On Saturday, December 24th At 11:00 a.m.
And 3:00 p.m.

ST. ANTHONY'S

Saturday, December 24th - Christmas Vigil
Mass At 5:00. Carols Sung Sunday,
December 25th - Christmas Day
Morning Masses 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
St. Anthony's Girls' Choir Singing
Christmas Hymns At 8:30 Mass

AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL

Sunday, December 18th - Fourth Sunday
Of Advent 10:30 A.M. During Regular
Worship Service: Christmas Cantata
"Joy To The World," Composer Peterson
Saturday, December 24th 11:00 p.m.
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, December 25th 10:30 a.m.
Regular Christmas Service

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL

Saturday, December 24th - Christmas
Eve Candlelight Services At 6:00 and
11:00 p.m. - Sunday, December 25th
Christmas Morning 10:00 a.m. Lively
Worship Of Christmas Hymns & Devotion

SACRED HEART

Sunday, December 18th 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Cantata Featuring Jr. And Sr.
Choirs In The Church
Saturday, December 24th 2:00 p.m.
Christmas Pageant By The Children Of
The "I Am Special Program."
Christmas Vigil Masses 4:00 & 6:00 p.m.
And Midnight Mass At 12
Sunday, December 25th Christmas Day
Masses 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST

Sunday, December 18th 6:00 p.m.
Christmas Party For Children
Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve
7:00 p.m. Family Service Of Christmas
Carols And Candles
11:00 p.m. Service Of Communion &
Candles. Sunday, December 25th 9:30
a.m. Christmas Service

BETHANY ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sunday, December 18th 6:00 p.m. Youth
Christmas Play: "To All People."
Wednesday, December 21st 7:00 p.m.
Children's Christmas Program:
Ba-a Ba-a Bethlehem
Saturday, December 24th 7:00 p.m.
Candlelight Communion Service
Sunday, December 25th At 10:45 &
6:00 p.m. Christmas Service

VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday, December 18th Fourth Sunday
Of Advent 10:00 a.m. - A Family
Festival Of Christmas With Special
Music And A Family Christmas Party At
Dunn Hall Following The Service -
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Guests. Saturday, December 24th 11:30
p.m. Christmas Eve Service Of Carols
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ST. DAVID'S CHURCH

December 24th 11:00 a.m. Special
Eucharist For The Elderly And Infirmary.
5:00 p.m. Childrens' And Family
Eucharist. 11:00 p.m. Candlelight
Eucharist. December 25th 10:00 a.m.
The Holy Eucharist Brief
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Dog Program At Local Grange



COMMUNITY GRANGE MEMBER Roberta Cesan (left) greets fellow Grange member Joan Comee with former race dog "Jacky Jane." Mrs. Comee takes these dogs and turns them into house pets. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM
AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Public Library, in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., on Monday, December 19, 1988 upon petition of New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. and Western Mass. Electric Company dated November 10, 1988 for permission to: relocate existing pole No. 243B/75 and 243B/73 in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Dated this 5th day of December, 1988. Information regarding this petition may be obtained from Western Mass. Electric Company in Springfield, Tel. No. 785-5871 Ext. 2480.

Petition No. AG-1276
Street, Silver Street
Ursula Retzler
Council Clerk

Published: December 15, 1988

Registry Implements Reinstatement Fee

Effective December 1, 1988, motorists seeking reinstatement of a suspended or revoked license or right to operate in Massachusetts will be required to pay a \$30 fee to the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

"The reinstatement fee is aimed at making the bad driver more responsible for the law enforcement and administrative costs associated with driving misbehavior," said Registrar Robert M. Hutchinson, Jr., who added, "more important and long overdue - good drivers will not be paying for bad drivers."

At the end of the suspension period motorists may go to any branch office and pay the \$30 fee. After the reinstatement fee has been paid, a new photo license will be issued.

Massachusetts joins the majority of states nationwide, including all other New England states, which levy a reinstatement fee.

Each year in the Commonwealth about \$225,000 drivers have their license or right to operate suspended or revoked.

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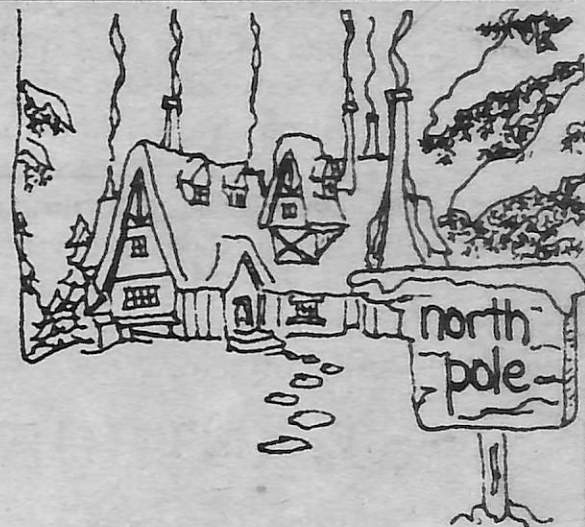
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FEEDING HILLS FLORIST

It's one-half florist and one-half fantasy, a winter wonderland of Christmas decor and gift ideas to please everyone. **Feeding Hills Florist**, located at 8 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills (at the Crossroads Shoppes), is a full-service florist with a flair for all things Christmas.

Proprietor Pat Cole spent over a month creating her holiday showroom, replete with "theme trees" depicting country, Victorian and even a "Teddy Bear" Christmas.

A wide selection of collectibles and stuffed toys, and elegant ornament and displays of decorating ideas are there to be savored—or better yet, brought home to be enjoyed from year to year.

Feeding Hills Florist is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with extended hours until 6:00 p.m., thru Christmas. Pat also opens her shop Sundays from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m., through the holiday season.

You can call **Feeding Hills Florist** by dialing 786-9764.

KORNER FLOWER SHOPPE

Tucked away in the Corner Shops is the ever-growing **Korner Flower Shoppe**, an artfully decorated shop owned and managed by Kathy Papadakis.

Korner Flower Shoppe is a full-service florist with a personal touch as well as warm, friendly service.

From vine wreaths to sprays of eucalyptus, from novelty coffee mugs to message "balloons," from collectible Santa to holiday floral gifts, Kathy can create it to meet your gift-giving needs.

Located at 525 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, **Korner Flower Shoppe** is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with ample parking. Phone inquiries and orders can be made by dialing 786-1812.

JOANN'S CHILDREN'S SHOPPE

Just when you've bought all the clothes your children could ever wear, they outgrow them. For Karen MacNeal, new proprietor of **Joann's Children's Shoppe**, "used but not abused" is the rule. **Joann's** is a consignment shop specializing in children's clothing to size 14, and "recycled" clothing in this shop is always in excellent condition.

Recently, Karen added maternity clothes to her large inventory, a step towards meeting a demand for good "short term" clothing for mothers-to-be. It's a small shop with extensive inventory and some specialty items—including a catalogue for children's furniture.

In addition to clothing, there are limited amounts of hand-crafted gift items for kids, and it's not unusual to find a baby stroller or car seat gracing one of the shelves.

Joann's Children's Shoppe is located at 525 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills (at the Corner Shoppes), and is open Tuesday-Wednesday-Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Inquiries can be made by phoning 786-3066.

JOY'S OF FEEDING HILLS

Snuggled into the Crossroads Shoppes at 28 Southwick Street, is a spacious and lovely woman's clothing store, **Joy's of Feeding Hills**. Catering to the woman who expects quality merchandise at reasonable prices, Joy Piquette selects only a few of each item for her shop, but each of those items is a little bit different than what one finds at area malls.

She offers a selection of dresses, a wide array of colorful and comfortable sweaters and casual wear, and accessories from jewelry to belts and scarves, all a little bit different, some soft and subtle, others bold and dramatic, every one a fashion statement.

Joy's is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday until 8:00 p.m., and Saturday until 4:00 p.m.

During the holiday season, **Joy's** will also remain open from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. Phone inquiries can be made by dialing 786-8224.

MACHIKO'S FASHION CENTER

Machiko's, a full service salon and boutique, is the kind of place a woman goes just to be good to herself.

In addition to its full range of hair and nail care services, **Machiko's** offers a tanning (and tanning) salon that holds a high success rate in the "inches off" department—with all on site facilities efficiently set up in a soft, tranquil, and always elegant environment.

Located at 324 Springfield Street, Agawam, **Machiko's** has another plus—a boutique filled with sumptuous holiday clothing and understated, sophisticated clothing, all quality merchandise priced for the discerning shopper.



ENSIGN COOPER'S is located behind the Country Squire Furniture Store on Main Street, Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MACHIKO'S FASHION CENTER is located at 324 Springfield Street, Agawam, and offers a full service salon and boutique. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE OLDE SYKES MILL COUNTRY KITCHEN and Ice Cream Parlor is located on upper Main Street, just before Riverside Park. The country kitchen offers fine breakfast and lunch, as well as baked goods. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Machiko's is open Monday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Appointments can be made by calling 789-4484.

SPECIAL CREATIONS

Sandra Kinsley's **Special Creation Crafts and Gifts** is a special treat at Christmastime, and shoppers might even catch a glimpse of Santa if their timing is right.

Handcrafted gift items from lampshades to floral arrangements, from watercolors to wreaths, from Christmas collectibles to holiday wall hangings, are ready to grace your home this holiday.

Sandra even offers a Count and Contessa Santa (of soft mauve and burgundy velour), a masterpiece unique in concept and quality.

Located at 324B Springfield Street, Agawam, her shop is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with extended hours Thursday and Friday until 7:00 p.m. She will also be open Sunday, December 17th, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m., to accommodate holiday shoppers.

COUNTRY FLOWERS AND GIFTS

Barbara Viens and Diane Fila, proprietors of **Country Flowers and Gifts**, have used antiques to accent their spacious display area. Imagine an opened trunk spilling over with dried flowers and grasses, a vintage White sewing machine as a focal point for a floral display, a fireplace mantle garnished with greens. You'll find it here.

Located at 501 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, this gift shop offers a wall full of teddy bears and plush toys, ornaments of all types—wooden toys to porcelain angels—and even a tree adorned with silk poinsettias.

Country Flowers is open Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with ample parking for holiday shoppers. Phone inquiries and orders can be made by dialing 786-7563.

SURPRISE! CARD AND GIFT SHOP

From crystal key rings in plush blue boxes to the newest of the ceramic Dickens Village houses, **Surprise! Card and Gift Shop** has what you're looking for.

Disney ornaments for your tree, carousel, and Santa music boxes for your collection, musical motion ornaments, and a vast selection of Hallmark cards are just a few of the items to choose from for your gift giving.

Owners Robert and Barbara McElligott have made the most of their Southgate Plaza location on Suffield Street, filling each shelf with fine quality merchandise. **Surprise!** is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., with Sunday hours from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

HOLIDAY HOUSE

It's a country cape converted to country shop. **Holiday House**, 1353 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills Center, has filled each room—and even the closets—with gift items and wrappings and ornaments and trims.

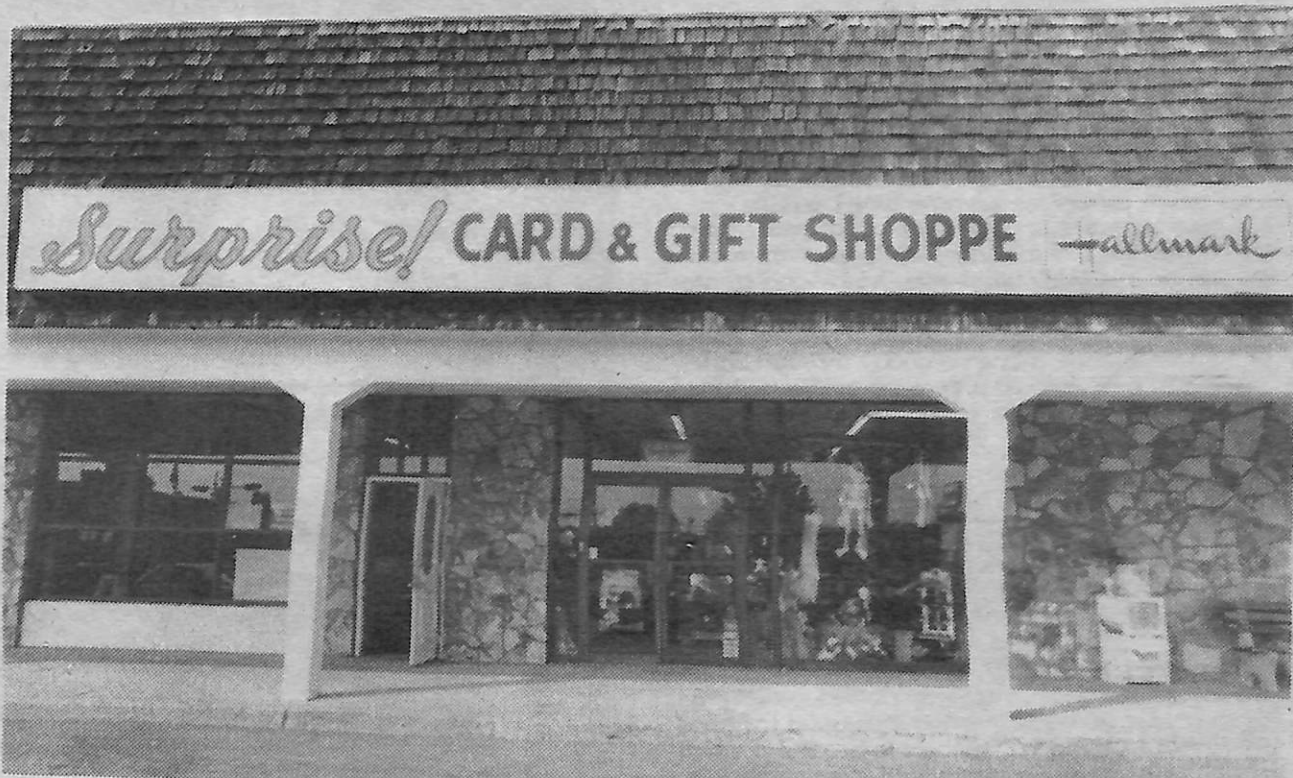
This three-owner shop is run by Pat Kelley, Claire O'Toole, and Peg Ryan, who have made the most of their space by filling it from floor to ceiling with spectacularly priced gift items from budget to quality collectibles. From rag dolls to finely crafted White Christmas musical dolls, from cards to candles, it's in this store.

Holiday House is open Monday through Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Sundays, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

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THE POPULAR SAL'S BOUTIQUE is located on Cooper Street, just before Pajer's Market at the four corners. Owners and operators Sal & Carmella Marzano offer a beautiful boutique and hair salon. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SURPRISE! CARD & GIFT SHOPPE is located in the Southgate Shopping Plaza, Suffield Street, Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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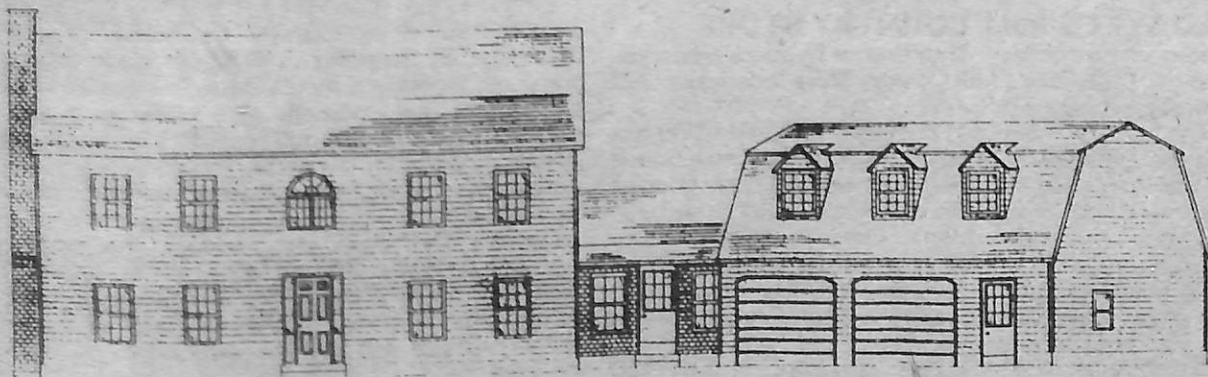
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FEEDING HILLS: New listing. Beautifully maintained 7 room Raised Ranch, sunroom, 2 car detached garage, in-ground pool, with new wrap around deck. Desirable neighborhood on a cul-de-sac. \$172,900.

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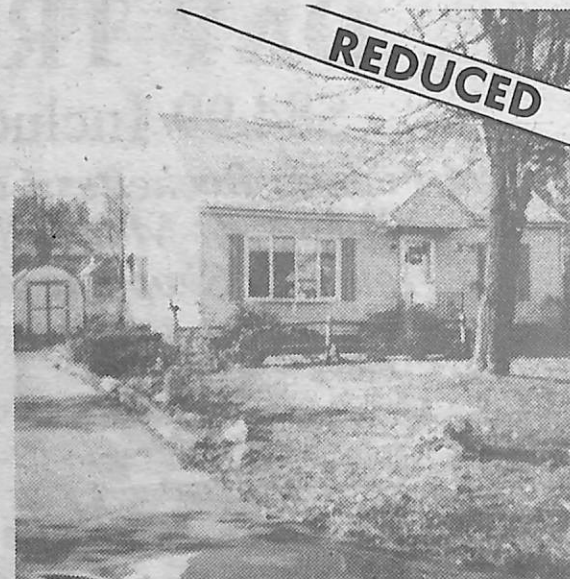
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"Hey, Santa...Can you"



DWAIN AND SHAWN DEVINE couldn't wait to tell Santa Claus what they wanted for Christmas when he appeared at Special Creations last Saturday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

EARLY DEADLINE: Please remember that due to the Christmas holiday, our deadline for next week is Monday, December 19th, at noontime. The office will be open on Sunday.

XMAS SHOPPING - From Page 26...

OLD SYKE'S MILL COUNTRY STORE

Step into yesterday. That's what happens when you stop in at **Old Syke's Mill Country Store** located at 1422 Main Street, Agawam.

This spacious building has been restored using bits and pieces of other notable buildings, and now boasts an old-fashioned soda fountain with all the goodies one could spot in a Norman Rockwell painting.

Owners Michael & Nancy Drenzek have carefully created a mood of nostalgia, peppering the eatery with gift items like country crafts and candles, and a selection of gift chocolates and even "penny candy" that is still priced at a penny.

This country soda shop and gift shop is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., seven days a week. Breakfast menus and dinner menus are available in addition to the sweet treats from the soda fountain.

KID'S KORNER OUTLET

Clothes for kids. That's what **Kid's Korner Outlet** is all about. Art & Maddi Kantor opened this lovely children's wear store less than a year ago, and are in full swing with a line of lovely clothes for your child's holiday.

Whether it's the little velvet dress for the young miss of the family, or rough and tumble playclothes for indoors and out, or even a Christening gown for the new baby, you'll find it here. There's a "holiday dot" sale with 20-40 percent off discounted prices and a great and colorful selection to choose from.

Kid's Korner Outlet is located at 341 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, and is open Monday through Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with extended hours on Thursdays and Fridays until 8:00 p.m. They are also open Sundays, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

COUNTRY DOLL HOUSE

Everything you've always wanted to know about dollhouses...

Just stop in at **Country Dollhouse**. You'll find dollhouse kits (which can be assembled for you or a nominal charge), complete with moveable windows and doors, and doorbells that really ring, and furnishings from colonial and brass to Victorian and provincial. You can purchase scaled-down rugs and wallpaper for your "home," even miniature paintings for the walls.

Country Dollhouse also markets the component parts for do-it-yourself dollhouse devotees, and if you peek into the workroom, you may even catch Santa putting the finishing touches on one of the many dollhouses that will find their way down the chimney this year.

Country Dollhouse is located at 300 Springfield Street, Agawam, and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., from Monday through Saturday, with Sunday hours from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

ENSIGN COOPER'S

Set back from Main Street in Agawam, **Ensign Cooper's** is a huge barnboard building that is a bit hard to spot from the Main Road, but well worth looking for.

This lovely bi-level shop has gift items, candles and household accessories, and curtains on the first floor, and colonial furnishings (from Cheval mirrors to folding screens to bedroom sets and spinning wheels) on the second level. The atmosphere is gracious and quietly charming; the merchandise is captivating, recreating the look and feel of early America.

Ensign Cooper's is located at 161 Main Street in Agawam, next to the Country Squire Shop. They are open Tuesday through Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sundays, from 12:00 noon to 5:30 p.m.

Though they are usually closed Mondays, they will be open December 19th, from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and will extend their holiday shopping hours on Thursday and Friday until 9:00 p.m., to Christmas.

WMECO Has Many Energy-Saving Tips For Agawam Residents This Winter

by Paul Tangredi
Western Mass. Electric Company

The thought of receiving high energy bills is never very appealing. But by implementing a few valuable conservation measures, you can put yourself at ease. During the next few weeks, I will explain a number of energy conservation ideas that could be useful for your home or business.

Infiltration is probably one of the biggest contributors to high energy bills. Infiltration occurs when air moves from outside of your home or office to the inside through cracks and openings. Since this infiltrating air enters your home at outside temperatures, it must be heated or cooled to the desired indoor temperature. This is why infiltration accounts for a considerable amount of heat loss.

The objective for your home or business should focus on creating a complete "envelope," or protective shell, which separates the outside from the inside environment. By implementing some of the following

measures, you can improve the envelope while reducing your energy bills.

1. Use a silicon caulking to seal around window and door frames (inside and out). Also apply a bead of caulking between the bottom of the exterior wall and the foundation. Caulk around any electrical conduits, oil fill pipes and vents entering through the exterior wall of your home or business.

2. Weatherstripping should be installed on windows and doors. Old, worn weatherstripping should be replaced. Ensure that all window gaskets make a tight seal when closing. Replace any cracked or broken window panes.

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Holiday House Cheers Feeding Hills Center With Novelty Gifts

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

"Once you come in, you'll be back again and again." Those words from **Holiday House** proprietor Claire O'Toole, one of three co-owners of this unique and affordable gift shop.

Located at 1353 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills Center, **Holiday House Gifts** is a dark brown Cape house converted into a treasure-filled shoppers' delight. Ceramic Santas and miniature wooden rocking horses are placed at eye level in a wonderful Christmas display center in the "living room" of this house.

Beyond this display are shelves full of porcelain dolls, and sock dolls and musical "White Christmas" dolls, each unique and totally charming.

Village Houses - a Dickens Village, ceramic houses, and the 'Cat's Meow' collector series of wooden village pieces grace another wall and a series of window shelves.

The 'Cat's Meow' collectibles are unique, three-quarter inch wooden flats painted front and back like homes and shops of yesteryear; one side is a year 'round look, and the flip side adorn with ribbons and Christmas wreaths. It's a unique and collectible Christmas ornament in "not to be repeated" designs.

The original rooms of this house have been transformed into smaller-scale individual shops. One tiny room (perhaps the original pantry) now houses greeting cards, gift wrap, and ribbons for all occasions.

Another room is brimful of toys—stocking stuffers and stuffed animals—to delight every child.

Glassware, candleholders, potpourri, and scented candles add a fragrant warmth to this cozy shop. And browsing its neatly organized shelves tempts the buyers with wooden ornaments, touches of lace, and even a miniature pair of lace-trimmed ballet slippers for that littlest dancer in the family, the one who wants to be the *Nutcracker's* Clara. And speaking of nutcrackers, **Holiday House** has a few of those in stock too.

Along with co-owners Pat Kelley and Peg Ryan, Claire has met the challenge of matching exceptional



HOLIDAY HOUSE GIFTS is located at 1353 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, next to the Feeding Hills Post Office. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

prices to exceptional merchandise. Where else will you find white ceramic geese for \$4.99; Christmas cards at five for \$1; stocking dolls for \$15.99; and carousel horses starting at \$5.99?

In the past three years, **Holiday House** has expanded its stock, extended its prices to a well-balanced mix of the inexpensive and the well-priced quality merchandise, and perfected a warmth and friendly service that is all too hard to find.

Holiday House is open Monday through Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., during the Christmas season, and from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m., on Sundays. After Christmas, the shop will close at 5:00 p.m. Phone inquiries can be made by calling 789-3003.

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3. Consider beefing up the insulation in your home. Increase the insulation in your attic to 12 inches (R-38). If you currently have six inches in your ceiling, add another layer of six inch unfaced fiberglass batts right on top of the existing insulation. If your home has a crawlspace or an unfinished basement, insulate the basement ceiling with six inches of paper faced fiberglass batts. The kraft paper should be installed so that it is closest to the heated area.

In other words, place the insulation between your floor joists with kraft paper against the subflooring. Many people make the mistake of having the paper face on the basement side probably because it is easy to staple to the floor joists. This is incorrect. Insulation hangers (metal straps) will properly secure the insulation between the joists.

For more information on energy conservation activities and programs, contact the Energy Management Services Department at Western Mass. Electric Company, 787-9517.

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OVER AT HOLIDAY HOUSE GIFTS in Feeding Hills Center, there's so many novelty Christmas gifts to buy you could spend an entire morning browsing from room to room. In photo left is co-owner Peg Ryan, and in photo right is Chris O'Toole, daughter of co-owner Claire O'Toole. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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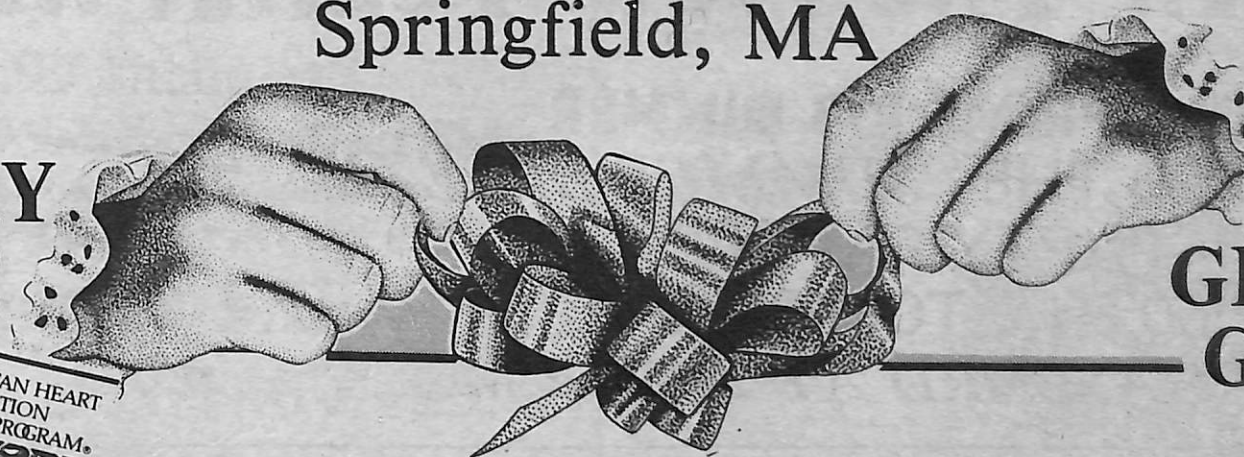
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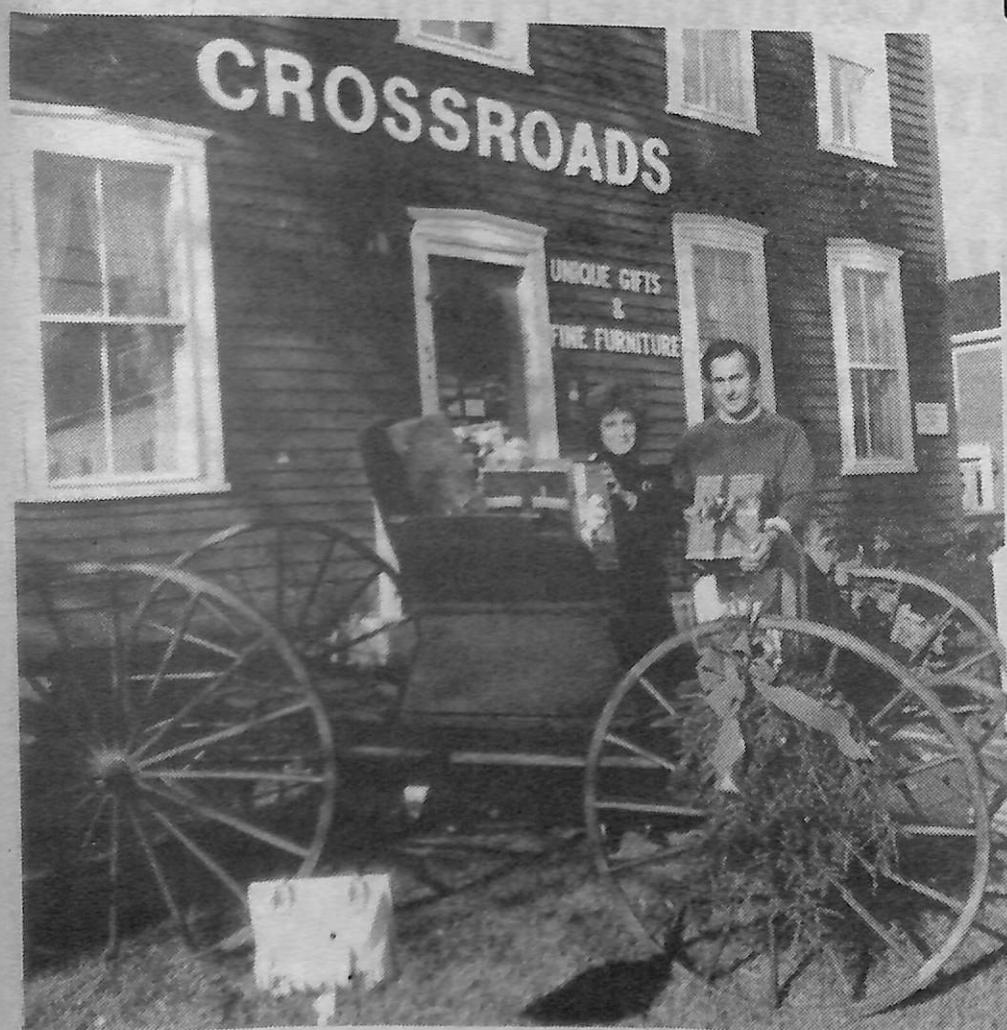
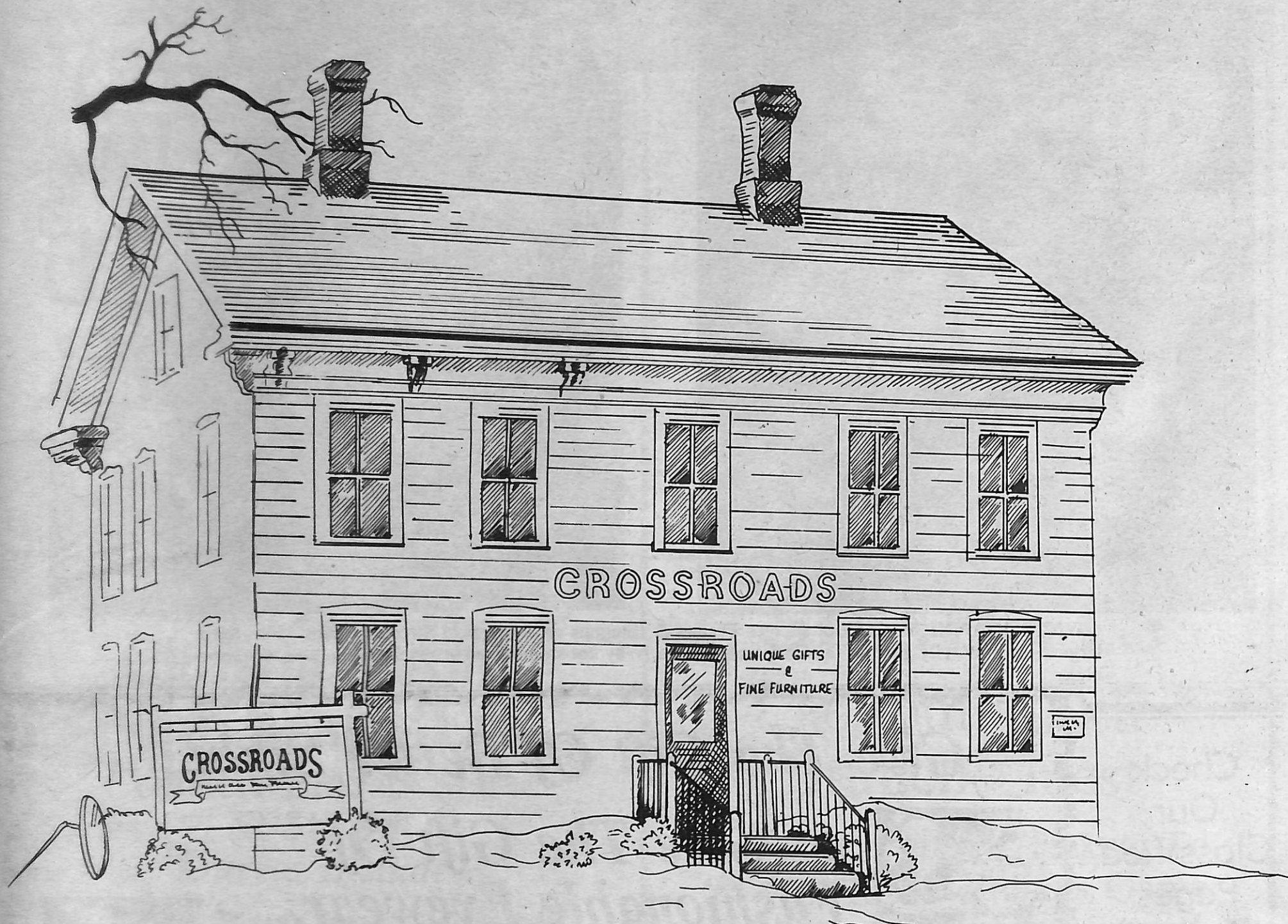
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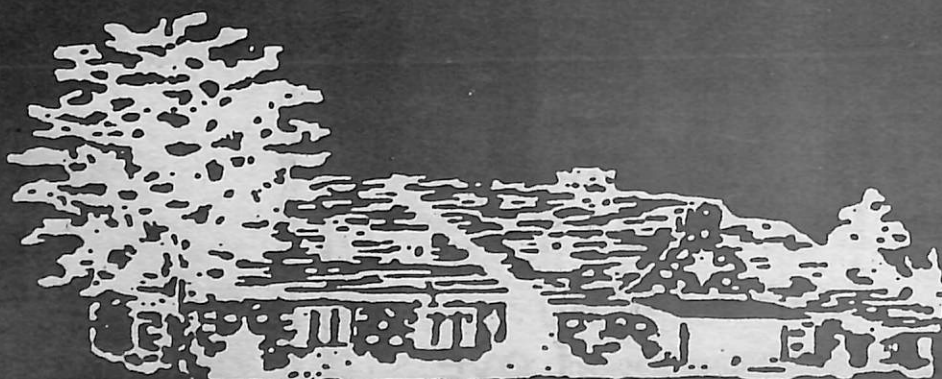
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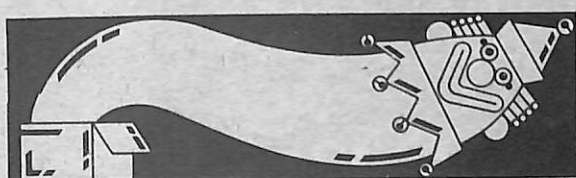
THIS IS ONE OF THE MANY Christmas displays now at Longmeadow Flowers in the Community Shops, Feeding Hills Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Michael Grandfield Named Customer Service Officer

C.D. Harrington, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer of Bank of New England-West, recently announced the promotion of Michael Grandfield to Customer Service Officer. Grandfield, who joined the bank in 1987, is the Branch Manager for the Bank of New England-West Agawam office.

Grandfield received his B.A. from Bryant College and is currently pursuing his M.B.A. at American International College. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Agawam and a resident of Agawam.

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RIVERSIDE PARK EMPLOYEES T.C. Freeman (director of maintenance), Barbara Welch (maintenance secretary), and Billy Jatkevicius (manager of maintenance) are all smiles now that the new maintenance building is open at the park. The previous building was destroyed in a fire. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



GREETING WELL-WISHERS at an open house to show-off the new maintenance building at Riverside Park are Mary Ann Stebbins (Advertising & Public Relations assistant), Ed Connor (director of Games & Merchandise), and Tina Trerice (director of Marketing). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

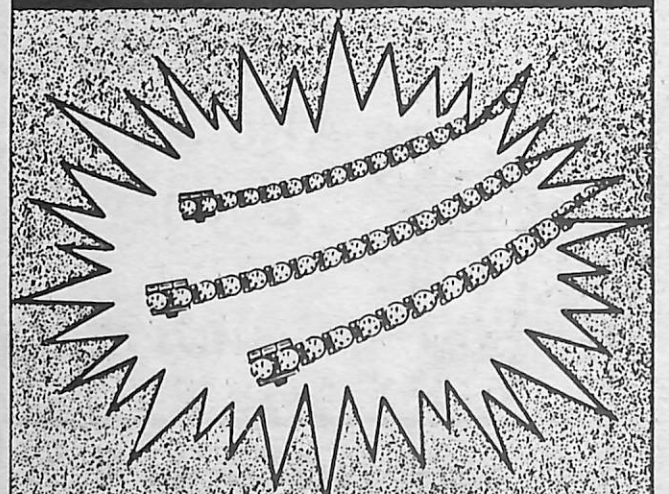


THE NEW maintenance building at Riverside Park on Main Street. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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OVER AT CENTURY 21-Heritage Realtors on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mr. & Mrs Claus, accompanied by two elves visited with local children. The two elves are Katie Engel and Emily Dreyer. The kids in the front row are Ryan Panetta, Rob Engel, D.J. Dreyer, and Jenny Engel. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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HAPPY BALLOONS

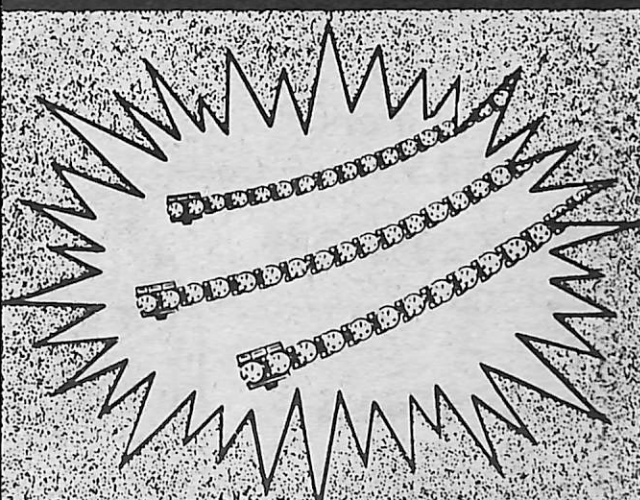
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Answer: Be careful. Shoveling snow is one of the toughest activities that you can do to your lowback. It is certainly one activity that will further injure your already weak lowback. You did not mention your age. If you are elderly, I would advise you to give up shoveling altogether. Find a neighborhood kid who is ambitious enough to help you. Have your driveway plowed by a professional. If that is not possible and you insist on shoveling your own driveway, then condition your back for several months ahead of the snow season. Have a chiropractic examination. Perhaps your spine may benefit from chiropractic treatment. During the shoveling season have regular chiropractic care to insure integrity of the back.

The same snow which causes heart stress, also causes dangerous stress to the discs in the spine of the shoveler. When you consider that a shovel of snow weighs from five to seven pounds, you realize the tremendous accumulative weight one has to lift to clear an area. The average driveway or walk will hold hundreds of pounds of snow.

Try these helpful hints.

1. Dress warmly but don't bundle up so as to make it difficult and awkward for you to move naturally.
2. Use a lightweight pusher-type shovel. Spray it with Teflon so snow will not cling to it.
3. Avoid sudden twists of the torso. Move the entire body.
4. Keep your back straight when you lift. Use your legs rather than your back.
5. Work slowly.
6. If you feel a twinge of back pain, stop completely and go inside the house, sit down and rest. If pain persists or for a preseason examination, call the Schlaffer Chiropractic Office, 192 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, 789-1369. We care about you!

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YOUR Dental Health

by Dr. Stephen R. Jacapraro
1379 Main Street - Agawam, 786-8177

Number 1 Threat To Teeth

Q. Is there a serious problem when gums become red, tender and swollen?

A. Most often it's periodontal disease, the major cause of tooth loss in adults. Irritated gums are just one stage of periodontal disease. It develops slowly, at first without noticeable irritation of the gums, and worsens over time.

Plaque, the sticky film that builds up on the teeth, is the chief culprit. Neglected plaque buildup makes gums pull away from teeth. Small pockets form, filling with more plaque. In time, bone supporting the teeth erodes and teeth fall out.

It's estimated that 57% of people over 45 have gum disease to some degree. Yet, the damaging plaque buildup can be controlled by daily brushing and flossing and periodic professional cleaning. Moreover, periodontal disease can be controlled if detected and treated by the dentist in its early stages.

Presented as a community service by Stephen R. Jacapraro, D.M.D., 1379 Main Street, Agawam, MA. Phone: 786-8177.

S.T.A.R.T. EXERCISING

by Patrick Carley, M.S., R.P.T.
S.T.A.R.T. Sports Medicine, Physical Therapy
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DEAR S.T.A.R.T.:

I'm an avid skier and over the past few years many of my friends have been injured while skiing. What type of program can I S.T.A.R.T. to prevent ski injuries and insure a safe ski season?

Future Franz

DEAR FRANZ:

First of all, let me congratulate you on starting a program early as many skiers make the fatal mistake of trying to "ski into shape." Skiing as you know involves the whole body so any program that focuses only on leg exercises would be incomplete and jeopardizing the rest of your body. Therefore, it is crucial to get involved in a program that works your entire body.

Being flexible throughout the entire body is crucial because of the unusual body positions that occur when you ski. Stretching has to be done on a daily basis as a quick five minute stretch at the ski area will not suffice. Muscles to concentrate on would be the hamstrings in the back of the thigh along with the muscles on the inside of the thigh but as we mentioned before, you must also stretch neck, shoulders, back, etc.

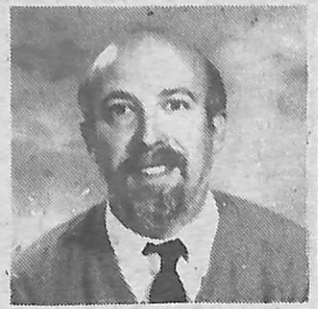
Secondly, strengthening is also important because of the tremendous forces that are generated by your skis. Strong muscles protect your joints and skeletal system, so muscles are your first line of defense. Regular push-ups, free weights, Nautilus, etc., are good ways to prepare the shoulders for similar types of forces as skiing the moguls. Women should definitely undertake shoulder exercises because of smaller muscle mass in the shoulder region, along with the full compliment of lower leg exercises.

Aerobic exercises such as walking, jogging, cycling, swimming, hiking, & basketball all improve your endurance and prevent muscular fatigue in the afternoon. Remember, most ski injuries occur in the late afternoon when your muscles are fatigued, so more endurance in the muscles would keep you in front of the pack.

Keep an eye on future Dave Goggin ski tips from S.T.A.R.T. Physical Therapy. In the meantime, "...Zee You on Zee Zlopes!"

MANAGING YOUR STRESS

by Dr. Stephen Sobel
M.S., S.M.C.



I have received several letters in the past two weeks concerning the idea that in order to "learn" how to really relax, do certain "guidelines" have to be followed?

The answer is yes—relaxation has as its ultimate goal being one of providing you with mental and/or physical health benefits.

The health benefits may include (a) being able to sleep better; (b) being able to "train" your muscles to become less tense; (c) increasing your resistance to colds and other "illnesses"; (d) improving circulation; (e) improving digestion; (f) decreasing frequency and/or intensity of tension headaches; (g) helping to promote a general feeling of good health; (h) improved outlook on life. There are, of course, many more!

The biggest obstacle to achieving success in most people's relaxation program, is lack of consistent practice. Relaxation tapes/exercises should be used on an every-day basis if at all possible. This takes much less time than people think! "Learning" to relax and achieve potential health benefits can be obtained through a structured practice program. You can even measure the effects of your attempts to relax through easy to implement biofeedback techniques. Relaxation does not promote health effects "by chance"—a planned program is needed specifically geared to your needs! I hope you're going to practice today!

Stress Check: (A service to the readers of *The AAN*).

1. Dr. Sobel's tape is still available. Send check for \$10, payable to Dr. Sobel, to: Dr. Sobel, c/o NEISM, 322 Main Street, Springfield, MA, 01105, or call 785-1259. (The tape sells for quite a bit more in stores). Side 1: Approximately 6½ minutes called "Daily Pep Talk." Side 2: Approximately 8½ minutes called "Daily Relaxation." Great holiday gifts!

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3. Have a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season!

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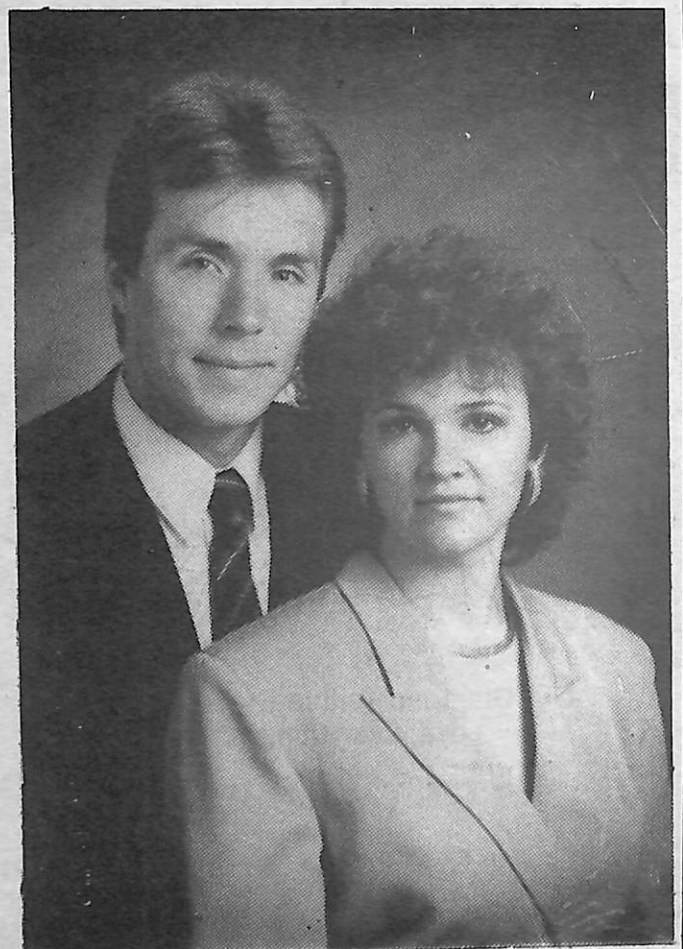
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PHILM REVIEW

by Phil Benoit
Entertainment Editor

—Cocoon: The Return: 3 STARS

In this thoroughly enjoyable sequel to the 1985 box-office hit, the space-faring senior citizens led by Don Ameche, Wilford Brimley, and Hume Cronyn come back to Earth for a short visit and are reunited with their loved ones, while their alien co-travellers attempt to revive their cocooned counterparts who were left behind during their last mission on our planet.

Essentially a cross between *On Golden Pond* and *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, the original *Cocoon* was by no means an outstanding entry in the genre of science fiction cinema because it boasted no refreshing sci-fi elements whatsoever and unabashedly pillaged story details from such earlier films as the aforementioned *Close Encounters* and *E.T.—the Extra-Terrestrial*.

However, at the same time, it was quite successful and admirable as an emotionally stirring drama about elderly-oriented issues and human relationships in general, and these tender qualities are also in abundance in *Cocoon: The Return*.

While it is no more than a slight variation on the plotline of its predecessor, this superbly-acted sequel has a big heart of its own and manages to quickly grow on you. Its elderly characters and their respective conflicts and situations are depicted with much deeply-felt poignancy, and in particular, one scene involving Cronyn and actress Jessica Tandy in a hospital has to go down as one of the most heart-stirring moments in recent motion picture history.

To paraphrase what some critics said about *Cocoon* when it was released three summers ago, that picture was the kind of flick which made you want to hug your grandparents and express your love for them the moment you vacated the theatre. In my book, the equally moving *Cocoon: The Return* accomplishes the same thing, and the warm feelings which it leaves you with are more than enough to offset its lack of originality.

—The Naked Gun: 3½ STARS

Based on the critically acclaimed yet short-lived television series *Police Squad*, this consistently uproarious and entertaining comedy stars veteran character actor Leslie Nielsen as a well-meaning but ever-bumbling Los Angeles police lieutenant who unwittingly discovers that the Queen of England is going

to be the target of some nefarious assassin (or assassins) during her upcoming trip to the City of Angels.

Made by Jim Abrahams and brothers David and Jerry Zucker, the filmmaking trio who concocted the hilarious *Airplane* eight years ago, *The Naked Gun* is undeniably one of the funniest pictures that you're apt to see in a long time. Featuring numerous puns, sight gags, double entendres, and loads of slap-stick humor, this zany farce not only effectively parodies police dramas, but also proves that puns, gags, and other characteristics of "low" comedy can sometimes be raised to the level of high art.

As for the acting, the entire cast turns in amusing & enthusiastic performances which demonstrate that they had a good time making the movie. Regarding the leading players, Nielsen (who also appeared in *Airplane*) once again exhibits his formidable flair for comedic acting by portraying his character as a heroic and always persistent buffoon, the likes of which haven't been seen since the late Peter Sellers appeared as the unforgettable Inspector Clouseau in his last *Pink Panther* film a decade ago.

In the role of a slick and sneaky tycoon, Ricardo Montalban (*Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan*) projects a drolly suave demeanor and serves as a fine nemesis for Nielsen's protagonist. And, making a most auspicious motion picture debut, Priscilla Presley (formerly of TV's *Dallas*) is memorable as Montalban's right-hand girl who eventually succumbs to Nielsen's humorously macho charms.

—Scrooged: 2 STARS

An uneven and updated spoof of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* starring Bill Murray as a big-wig television executive who treats everyone around him like dirt and despises the Yuletide season—until, that is, he is visited by the ghost of his deceased boss (John Forsythe) and three spirits representing Christmas Past (David Johansen), Present (Carol Kane), and Future (courtesy of some high-tech special effects).

Scrooged has its share of genuinely funny moments, and these laughs result from the commendable efforts of its talented cast. Murray (*Ghostbusters*) does a solid job of providing his miserly character with the sort of wise-cracking persona which we've come to expect from him; in the meantime, good supporting performances are delivered by Karen Allen (*Raiders of the Lost Ark*) in the part of Murray's onetime sweetheart, Bobcat Goldthwait (*Hot to Trot*) as one of his unfortunate employees, and Carol Kane (*Licence to Drive*) in the role of a physically abusive ghost of Christmas Present.

Unfortunately, the film itself is, on the whole, nowhere near as comical as the actors and actresses who perform in it. Its overall storyline is but a mean-spirited and senseless travesty of one of the most beloved and heartwarming Christmas tales of all times, and—worst of all—the climax of the picture wallows in shameless sentiment that lacks the least amount of

sincerity and seems totally out of place with the malicious tone of the rest of the movie.

Scrooged is bound to please Murray's many fans because it marks his return to the silver screen after a four-year absence. However, for those filmgoers who treasure Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* as an example of venerable fiction, this picture will ultimately be nothing more than a waste of their time and money.

—Tequila Sunrise: 3 STARS

Written and directed by Robert Towne (*Personal Best*), this intriguing romantic thriller deals with a drug dealer (Mel Gibson) who is anxious to quit this illegal business, a police detective (Kurt Russell) who has been his lifelong friend and is determined to apprehend his partners in crime, and a beautiful restaurant owner (Michelle Pfeiffer) who becomes romantically involved with the two of them.

Although it is sometimes difficult to follow and is occasionally hampered by jumpy editing, *Tequila Sunrise* makes for some quality adult entertainment this holiday season. Reminiscent of both 1987's *The Big Easy* and old-fashioned potboilers a la Humphrey Bogart, this atmospheric melodrama exquisitely captures and conveys the sultry and laid-back atmosphere of its story's Southern California setting; simultaneously, its complex plot contains some developments which might or might not surprise you but will definitely keep your attention focused on what's taking place on the screen.

The acting, meanwhile, is first-rate. In an antagonistic role that represents a change of pace for him, Gibson (*Lethal Weapon*) skillfully renders his anti-heroic character as a basically likable yet truly desperate man rather than as an actual villain. And, as the love interest of both of her male co-stars, Pfeiffer (*Married to the Mob*) gives an engaging portrayal of a bewitching young woman who is both seductive and vulnerable.

Still, the best performance in *Tequila Sunrise* is Russell's (*Overboard*). Doing some of his finest cinematic work in years, this highly talented but often misused actor depicts his latest character as a crafty, streetwise cop who believes that it is sometimes necessary to bend or even break the law in order to attain justice.

*THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

—Cocoon: The Return: Rated PG for mild profanity.

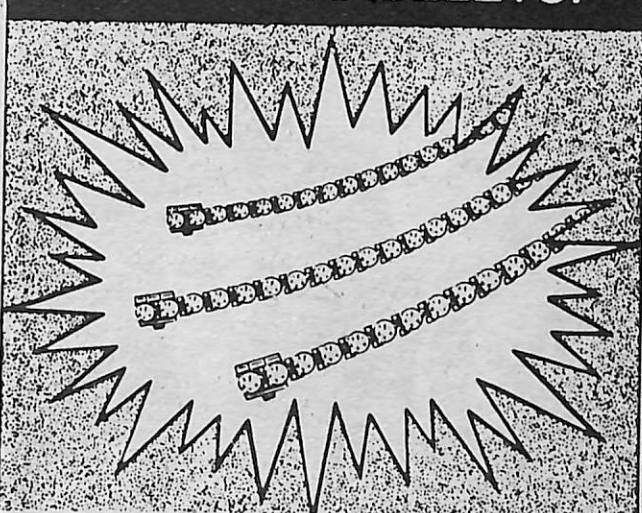
—The Naked Gun: Rated PG-13 for some risqué humor and language.

—Scrooged: Rated PG-13 for mature humor and language, as well as some mildly scary scenes that could frighten young children.

—Tequila Sunrise: Rated R for sexual situations, strong profanity, a bit of intense violence, and adult themes.

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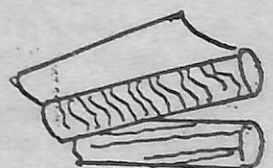
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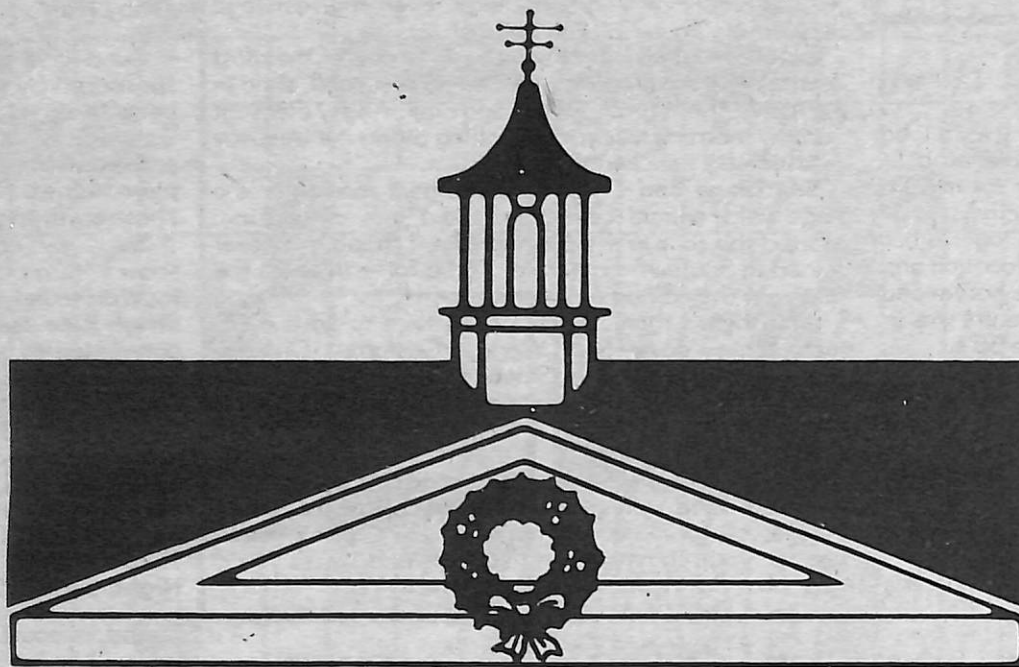
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Let's Talk Travel

by Julie Mercadante
Worldtek Travel



San Diego

I recently had the opportunity to get away for a long weekend and I've heard so many good things about San Diego that I thought I'd like to see it for myself. Everything I heard is true. It's a beautiful city!

I stayed at the Sheraton Grand Hotel on Harbor Island and loved it. The hotel is in a good location and my oceanfront room had a great view of the harbor and Coronado. The November daytime temperature was in the 70's and at night dropped down to the 50's.

WHAT TO DO: Seaport Village—One of my favorites! Situated on 14 acres along San Diego Bay, the village has four miles of walkways, a quarter mile boardwalk along the waterfront, and 65 unique shops amid beautifully landscaped grounds. There are several restaurants and free entertainment on the weekends. A fun place to be and I found the prices in the shops reasonable.

Horton Plaza—An enormous downtown shopping

center. Each of the 150 shops has its own style. Architecturally interesting.

Old Town—The heart of the first European settlement in all of California. From 1820 to 1870, it was the center of San Diego and now restored to give you a feeling of life in the 1800's. The Bazaar del Mundo in Old Town is a collection of 17 shops and four restaurants surrounding a central courtyard complete with gazebo and lush gardens. There are free activities year-round.

I had a delicious Margarita at Casa de Bandine!! I'm acquiring a taste for Mexican food and drink and there's plenty of it in San Diego. Even the fast food restaurants have Chicken Fajitas!

LaJolla—Just north of San Diego is one of the most famous and most scenic towns. You can stroll, shop in exclusive shops (expensive!), and dine. A very pleasant Sunday morning was spent strolling along the walkway overlooking the ocean.

San Diego Zoo—The world's largest zoo features a huge wild animal collection. I did lots of walking. Started the tour in the pouring rain. I thought it never rained in Southern California! To be fair—this was the first rain they'd had in several months.

And there's more. I didn't have time to do it all in just three days—Sea World, Gaslamp Quarter, Museums, Space Theatre/Science Center, Tijuana, day trips to Las Vegas, and all types of cruises. I'd go back in a minute!

JOTS FROM JULIE:

I still have some cabins left at a discounted rate for the April 29th sailing of the "Sovereign of the Seas." Please call for more information. I'd like to say thank-you for your comments and support and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Springfield Symphony To Celebrate Xmas With "Holiday Pops"

Icy chills will melt at the glow of the annual Holiday Pops concerts presented by the Springfield Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, December 17th, at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, December 18th, at 3:00 p.m., in Symphony Hall.

Conducted by Music Director Raymond Harvey and sponsored by the Bank of Boston, the concerts have become a yuletide tradition for music lovers in the Greater Springfield area. Last year over 4,000 holiday enthusiasts were treated to visions of dancing sugar plum fairies. This season Mr. Harvey and the Orchestra will spark imaginations with scenes of waltzing skaters, toys-come-to-life, and horses prancing in the snow with a program that includes **The Skaters Waltz** by Waldteufel, **March of the Toys** by Herbert and two **Sleigh Ride** selections: a traditional version by Delius contrasted by a jazzier arrangement by Leroy Anderson. Also on the program are the **Eugene Onegin Waltz** by Tchaikovsky and Vaughn Williams' **Fantasia on Greensleeves**. SSO members Masako Yanagita, violin, Marsha Harbison, violin and Perri Morris, violoncello will be featured in a traditional Baroque selection, Correlli's **Christmas Concerto Grosso**. Also featured will be a medley of Christmas Carols including **Hark the Herald Angels Sing**, **Holy Infant**, **Bright Star**, **Silent Night**, and **O, Come All Ye Faithful**.

And, of course, our favorite jolly old fellow in the red suit will be on hand to greet Orchestra members and audience and to spread good cheer.

Students of Willie Ross School for the Deaf in Longmeadow and the Children's Study Home in Springfield have been invited to illustrate their favorite holiday scenes. Their artwork will be part of the holiday decorations in the Hall.

This concert is funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities. Tickets are \$8-\$25 and can be purchased at the new SSO Box Office on the Mezzanine Level at Baystate West, or by calling PHONECHARGE (413) 733-2291. Ticket purchasers will receive a \$1-off coupon for the I-91 South Garage. Student/Senior/Group discounts available. Symphony Hall is handicapped accessible.

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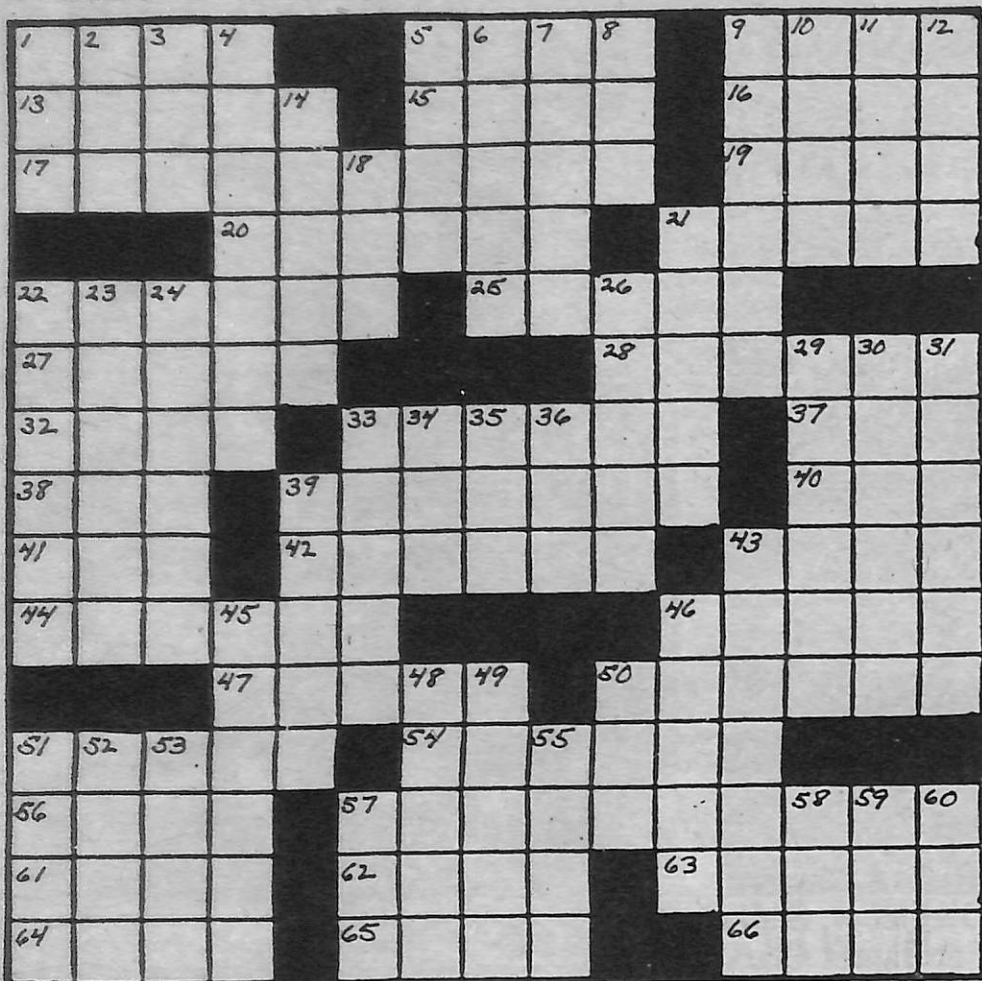
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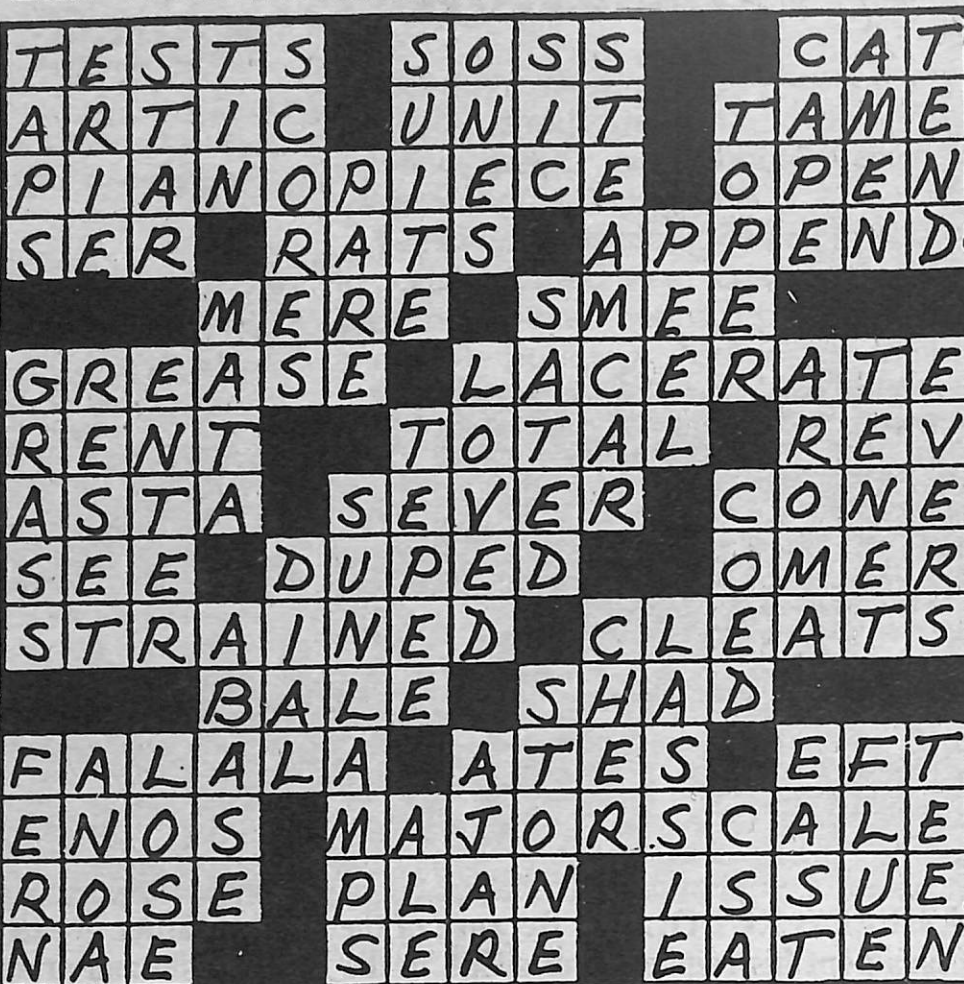
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ANSWERS (last week's answers)

Amuse	Louse	Shame
Besom	Maple	Shape
Blame	Mouse	Slash
Blase	Phase	Slope
Blush	Plume	Slump
House	Plush	Slush
Label	Sable	Souse
Lapse		

ACROSS

- 1 Ike's Bradley
- 5 Equal
- 9 One
- 13 Indian Queen
- 15 Layer
- 16 Nick's Mrs.
- 17 Show for one
- 19 Nova
- 20 Lightly washes
- 21 They make gaggles
- 22 Mechanical men
- 25 Silas of Conn.
- 27 Expunge
- 28 Sea skates
- 32 Country road
- 33 Laves
- 37 Mountain Indian
- 38 Coin
- 39 Tom Sawyer's fence?
- 40 Turmeric
- 41 — the line
- 42 Houston team
- 43 Trolley
- 44 Mistakes
- 46 Peewee or Della
- 47 16A's dog etal
- 50 Won out
- 51 Irritate

DOWN

- 1 Circle
- 2 Barnyard sound
- 3 Cape of Mass.
- 4 Flower of love
- 5 Depots
- 6 Assisted
- 7 Political name
- 8 Transgress
- 9 Not visible
- 10 Memo
- 11 Certain bank deposits
- 12 Vetch
- 14 The "500"
- 18 Printing measures
- 21 Grind one's teeth
- 22 Tell
- 23 Speech maker
- 24 Persiflage
- 26 What —

- 29 Armored cupola
- 30 What — (lurer)
- 31 Lined with age
- 33 Card game
- 34 Sicken
- 35 Female saint
- 36 Her—var.
- 39 Not as good
- 43 Having left a will
- 45 Loutish
- 46 Ruptures

- 48 An Astaire
- 49 Alabama city
- 50 Type of horse
- 51 Singe
- 52 Mary — little...
- 53 War God
- 55 Fritter ingredient
- 57 Estop
- 58 Nancy for short
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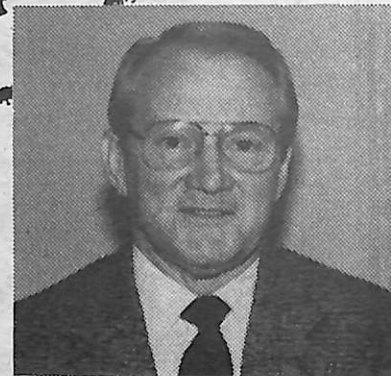
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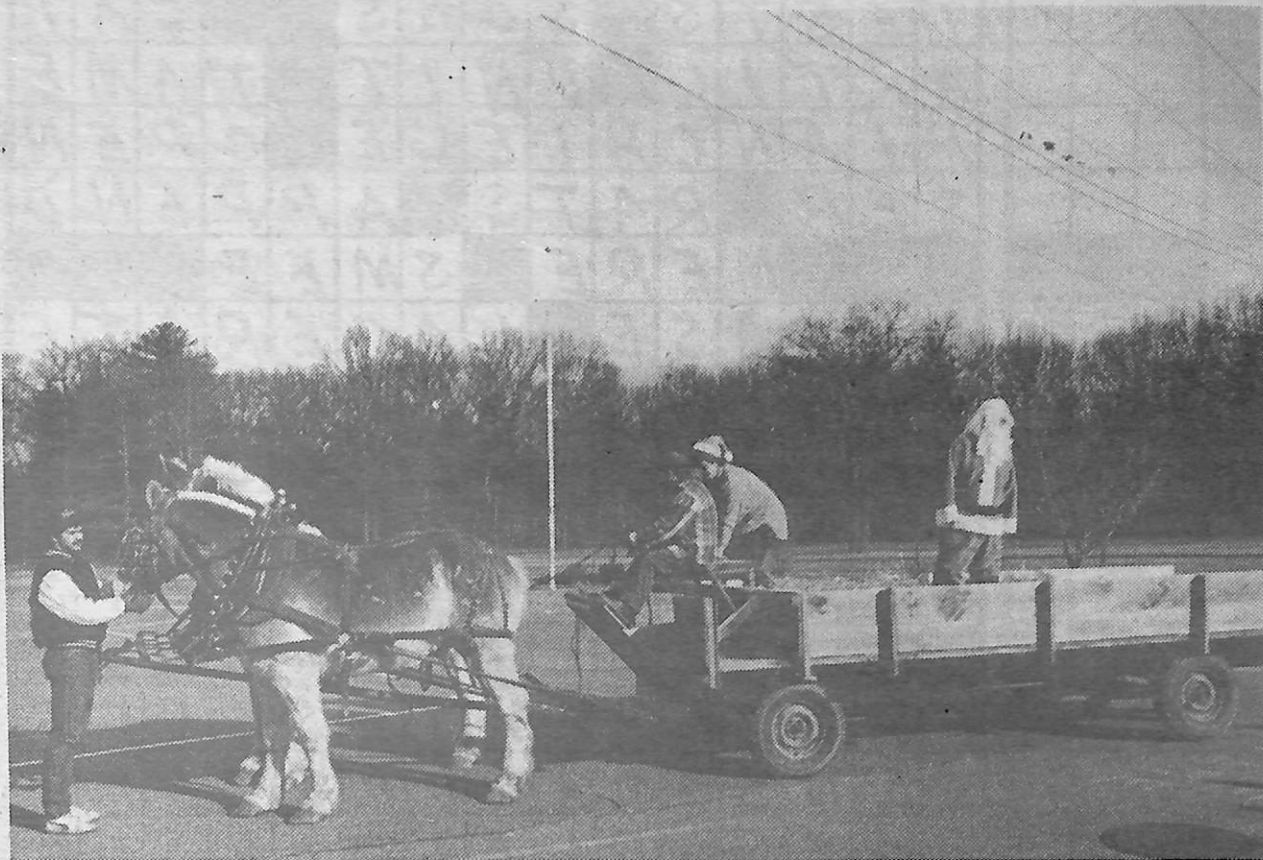
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WHERE'S RUDOLPH? Because of the great weather in early December, Santa Claus kept his reindeer and sleigh in the North Pole and arrived at James Clark School via horse and wagon. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Horse & Wagons Brings Santa Claus To Visit James Clark School

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

On Tuesday, December 6th, Santa arrived at Clark Elementary School via horse and wagon to visit students during the Annual Christmas Bazaar.

PTO President Joan Bitgood said, "Since there was no snow for his sleigh, Crowley's Horse Farm donated the driver and transportation to allow Santa to come to our school. Santa passed out candy canes to all the children as he joined them in class."

In the gym, Clark's Christmas Store was held from

9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., to allow the children to shop for mom, dad, brothers, sisters, and grandparents. On the students' first visit to the store with their class, they were told they could purchase five items.

At the end of the day, children could make additional purchases if they desired. Gifts ranged in price from 10 cents to \$3.50. A combination of homemade items and purchased gifts from different retailers were available through the PTO's efforts.

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JOAN BICKFORD was Santa's helper when he appeared at James Clark Elementary School on December 6th.

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Q. How can I contribute to the scholarship fund at the same time I pay my taxes?

A. Write in the amount you wish to contribute in the box provided for that purpose on the tax bill. Then add the amount contributed to the tax due and enclose one check for the entire amount payable to the Town of Agawam.

Q. Do I have to be an Agawam taxpayer in order to contribute to the scholarship fund?

A. Certainly not. Anyone may make a contribution by writing a check payable to the Town of Agawam Scholarship Fund and mailing to: Tax Collector, Town of Agawam, Town Hall, Agawam, MA, 01001.

Q. Is there any recommended amount I should contribute?

A. No. Any amount which you choose to contribute will be gratefully accepted. The success of the Scholarship Fund depends upon the continual support of large numbers of individual contributors.

Q. Are contributions to the scholarship fund voluntary?

A. Yes. All contributions are strictly voluntary.

Q. Is it legal for the town to raise funds in this manner?

A. Yes. Agawam is following legislation passed (Chapter 194 of the Acts of 1986) allowing the establishment of a tax check-off scholarship fund.

Q. What makes the scholarship fund broad based?

A. The check-off feature on the tax bill makes it easy for large numbers of Agawam taxpayers to participate in a worthwhile townwide program.

Q. Who can apply for a Town of Agawam scholarship?

A. Any bonafide resident of the town can apply. Applications are generally available about February 1st at the Town Treasurer's Department and Agawam High School.

Q. Does one have to be a college-bound high school senior to be eligible?

A. No. In addition to high school students, eligibility requirements include students in graduate schools, trade schools, and other educational institutions deemed accredited by the scholarship committee.

Q. How can I obtain additional information regarding the Town of Agawam Scholarship Fund?

A. You may write to Rudy Altobelli, Town Treasurer, Town Hall, Agawam, MA, 01001, Attn: Scholarship Fund.

Thomas M. Cruz Selected To Who's Who In American Universities And Colleges

Thomas M. Cruz, a senior Marketing major at Western New England College has been selected to be included in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Cruz, of Agawam, MA, is one of 19 students chosen to represent the college in the national honor. Cruz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Cruz of 21 Florida Street, Agawam, MA.

Cruz has been the vice-president of the Marketing Club, Public Relations Director for the college's radio station WNEK-FM, a Freshman English Tutor, and an assistant to the Internship Coordinator.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory chose the students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

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Middle School Guidance Report

by Ellen Freeman and Thomas Dacey
Middle School Guidance Counselors

Recently the counselors have been working with the students in study skills with the goal of providing new ideas for academic success. Fifth grade students have been watching a video on study skills along with a follow-up discussion and advice from the counselor. Sixth grade students have been reviewing various study skill techniques presented last year along with new ideas from the counselor.

Students are regularly being reminded to set aside a particular time to complete their homework and to have a place free from distractions to work on their assignments. Parents can help by checking to be sure their children get their homework in on time.

Warning slips for poor marks during the second marking period will be issued at the Middle School on or about December 16th. The counselors strongly advise the parents of any student who receives a warning to call the school. Mrs. Freeman, the sixth grade counselor, can be reached at 789-1400, extension 454. Dacey, the fifth grade counselor, can be reached at 789-1400, extension 453.

CLARK SCHOOL - From Page 44...

A lovely decorated Christmas tree brightened the atmosphere of holiday cheer, and a nine-foot-wide Gingerbread House built by PTO volunteers held another special treat for students.

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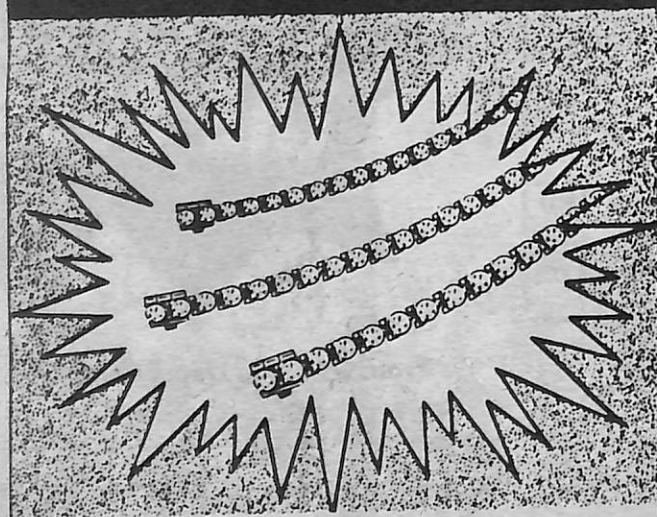
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AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS Tara Melbourne, Kelly Deprey, and Deborah McKenna have all found some nice items to buy as Christmas presents at the school's Christmas Store. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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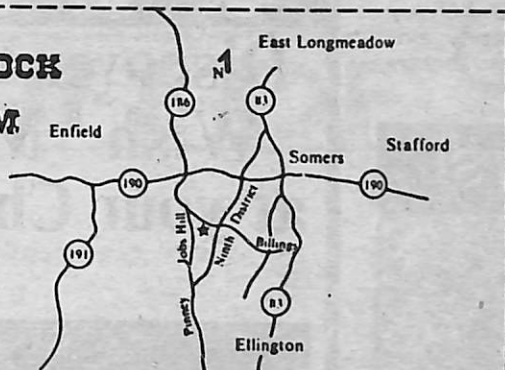
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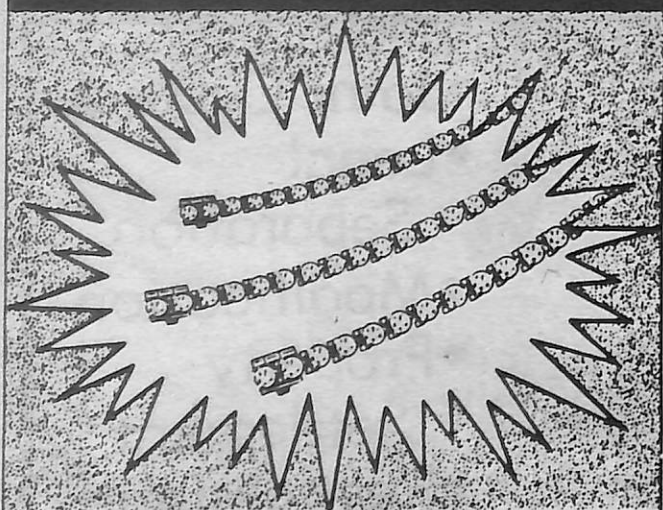


THE PHELPS SCHOOL, ROOM 16, GRADE 3 class of Elizabeth Robinson is participating in our "Christmas Theme" Kids' Korner. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Alison Scherban

A season for giving means you give your love and share with your family and friends. We also celebrate Jesus' birthday with him on December 25th. We eat food, and exchange gifts. Then there's Dasher, Dancer, Comet, and Cupid, Dancer, and Blitzen, and of course Santa. Santa gives to everyone. It is a time many of us should think of others instead of ourselves. So in my family we give food to many of the hungry people, and we give money so others can have shelter from the cold. I like Christmas! Christmas is the season for giving and receiving.

Christina Brady

Christmas to me is giving, sharing and caring. Christmas is when Jesus was born. People receive gifts from Santa. People get Christmas trees and they decorate them. When they are done, they have a feast of roast beef.

Douglas Nooney

Christmas is a time for sharing and giving. Children sometimes think that it is just for receiving. Jesus was born on Christmas. He was God's gift to us. If you don't have a gift, you can help to make dinner. If you have a little brother or sister, you can help them to get dressed. LOVE is a word used a lot. It can mean you care for someone. Some people sing Christmas carols. Other people have company. I love Christmas!

Meghan Greeley

To me Christmas is more than presents. It is more for love and to celebrate Jesus' birthday and a time for giving and sharing. So if you want a better Christmas, share the love of God.

Jeffrey Barrett

Christmas means to me to be good and love one another. My whole family is going on Christmas Eve to my grandma's house. I hope we have a nice Christmas.

Ryan Wilson

Christmas to me means decorating the tree. It's kindness and giving. It means going shopping. It's not only Christmas but it is Christ's Birthday. Merry Christmas!

Stephanie Fleming

Christmas is not only a season of giving presents. It is a season for loving. Love is the best present for Christmas in the whole wide world. I think of loving my parents, and what they do for me. I also think of presents. Christmas is my favorite holiday.

Andy Alberti

Christmas it not just for giving gifts. It's nice to think about people. You are good on Christmas if you share and if you help people, especially loving and caring. You can talk to other people. Don't be bad—then it will be a good Christmas!

Ryan Grealis

A season for giving, Christmas is a season for giving and loving and it's Christ's birthday.

Scott Guyer

Christmas to me means a time for love and caring. You don't have to buy presents to show someone you love them.

Jessica Soares

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Mike Aloisi

Christmas is not just presents. It is when we celebrate Jesus' birthday. Christmas is a time to be happy.

John Stapleton

My mother thinks that the best thing is being nice and making money to buy the presents. Christmas is just not for getting but for giving. Christmas is also Jesus' birthday. My favorite part of Christmas is Christmas Eve.

Adam Sagan

Christmas is a time for helping other people, working together and being friendly. Christmas is a time for giving and for fun and laughter. Christmas is a time to be with family and friends. It's a time to be kind to other people and help other people, like working or shovelling somebody's driveway if they can't.

Mark Christman

I think Christmas is a time to give love and share happy times. It will be nice to help my aunt decorate the Christmas tree. There are many ways we can share our love. During

Christmas, people give gifts to their family, friends, neighbors, and needy ones. I would like to give half of my gifts I get from my dad, mom, brother, uncle, and aunt, and other gifts to poor family kids. I will be happier than having all the gifts for myself.

We will cook and buy many sweets to celebrate Christmas. We will send these sweets to neighbors and kids whose parents cannot afford to buy them. Imagine how happy they will be and how many blessings we will get.

Seema Gada

Christmas means to me that it is Jesus' Birthday. You can care, share, and love everyone. I can make all people feel good and happy inside. I can say Merry Christmas to everyone I meet. I can help old people by making presents for them. I can give kisses and hugs. I can send cards to people I know. And that's what Christmas means to me. Merry Christmas!

Courtney Locke

Christmas is a time to give. It is Christ's birthday. It is a time to go over a relative's house. It's a time to give thanks. And a time to give presents.

Andrew Bond

Christmas means love to me and hugs and kisses. I love Christmas because I can help all the poor people. There is one thing I like about Christmas is that I get a lot of toys and

have a nice dinner and spend that special day with my family. I love Christmas because I get lots of presents. I like Christmas because I help my mom and dad. Merry Christmas!

Jessica Stanfield

Christmas is the day that Christ was born. He was born in Bethlehem under the Christmas star. He was born on Christmas Day. This is why Santa comes. This is Christmas to me.

Shaun McGrady

Christmas to me is all the love that people give. Love is better than any gift you could ever ever have. I love seeing all the lit up houses and the decorated Christmas trees. I love putting out a snack for Santa and his reindeers on Christmas Eve.

Amy Eggleston

To me Christmas is fun. But Christmas is for loving and caring. It is also Jesus' birthday. Jesus' birthday is what Christmas is really for.

Kati Antaya

Christmas to me means decorating our tree and shopping for presents for other people and especially celebrating Jesus' birthday.

Shauna Lynn Hadden

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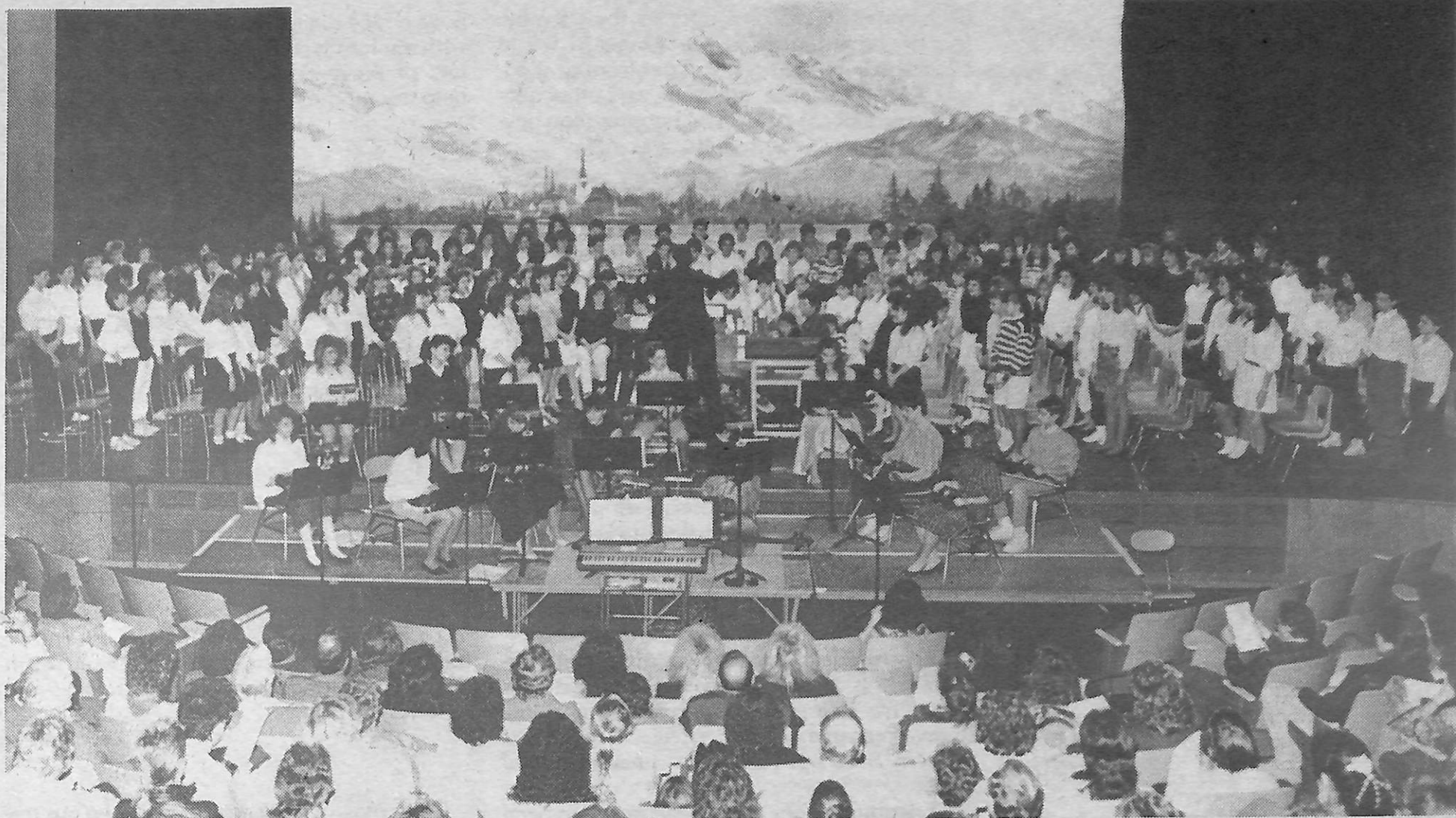
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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH MUSIC DEPARTMENT pictured in-concert on December 6th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Annual Winter Concert At Junior High

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

A "Winter Concert" performance, Tuesday, December 6th, at the Agawam Junior High auditorium filled the air with music and the seats to an overcrowded capacity.

Director Dorothy Hegarty led the Agawam Junior High String Ensemble in the following selections: CHORUS from "Judas Maccabaeus" by George Frederick Handel; THEMES from "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi and arrangement by Harry A. Alshin; *Scheherazade* by Nikolai Rimski-Korsakov (arrangement Robert S. Frost); and *Polovetzian Dance* by Alexander Borodin (arrangement Robert S. Frost).

Following the string ensemble, the Seventh Grade Chorus sang *America Takes Note*, *Let Us See The Best*, *Winter Fantasy*, and *Dwaine The Reindeer*. Music in-

structor Susan C. Brown directed and Jeanne Trinquet was the accompanist.

The Seventh Grade Chorus also performed *Masters In This Hall* by French Carol (arrangement Robert S. Frost) and was accompanied by the String Ensemble for this number.

Director Susan Brown and accompanist Jeanne Trinquet then joined the Eighth/Ninth Grade Chorus in presenting its opening song, *Every Heart Was Made For Song* by Ariene Yastle. Kirby Shaw's *Festal Gloria* was next.

In the highlight, *Home For The Holidays* by Roger Emerson and John Higgins, the auditorium lights dimmed and a taped sound track was utilized.

Individual speaking parts by Amy Prochaska, Nancy

Bazanchuk, Alison Rock, Erin Bradley, Robert Buoniconti, Elizabeth Cornwell, Adam Sherwood, Jan Jorgensen, Michael Leary, Aaron Lajeunesse, Krysten Godfrey, Katie Fitzpatrick, Amy Paradysz, and Lana Quintal were intermingled with songs by the entire chorus of *Over the River*, *Winter Wonderland*, *I'll Be Home for Christmas*, *December the Twenty-fifth*, *Jingle Bells*, *Home for the Holiday* and *We Wish You A Merry Christmas* for a happy ending to the story of a young boy trying to get together with his family on Christmas.

The finale was called *A Parting Round* by Don McAfee and was the perfect choice of selections to leave the echo of holiday cheer ringing in the mind as the auditorium emptied.

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New Student Assistance Program Unveiled For Agawam High & Junior High Students

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

On Tuesday evening, December 6th, invited guest speaker Bill Regan spoke to a gathering of Junior High and Agawam High School parents about a new Student Assistance Program (SAP) that will be formally introduced to students in January.

The core team for this program at the Agawam High School is Home/School Adjustment Councilor Joan Bertrand, Guidance Councilor Judy Cohen, teachers Joanne Brown and Wayne Morse, and school Nurse Cathy Hallaman.

The core team at the junior high consists of Nurse Marilyn Johnson, Guidance Councilor Ann-Marie Gould, and teachers Elly Placzek, Dick Cowles, and Gerry O'Malley.

At AHS, Councilor Jane Williams has been helpful in organizing this program and working with the core team to set-up the system and put it in place. She received a grant from the Governor's Alliance on Drugs & Alcohol. Superintendent James V. Bruno said that parents should be "looking for a letter from us in January."

Peer Leadership students at AHS spent two evenings at the Junior High School during its Open House nights to pass out invitations to attend this special lecture by Regan and a booklet entitled "10 Steps To Help Your Child Say 'NO'." There were four Peer Leadership students from AHS in attendance at the December 6th meeting.

On January 17th, Regan of Concord East (a counseling service) will introduce SAP through English classes at AHS and said, "We are not sure how we will present the program at the junior high yet."

He explained that there will be a form with a "very simple check list" to be filled out by anyone wishing to refer a student. Once they have been identified (there are several ways to help identify a student needing assistance for drug and alcohol problems that will be examined once a referral is made), the steps for treatment may vary.

The core team has lined-up Spofford Hall for evaluations. Although the treatment center is located in New Hampshire, there is an office in Ludlow. Referrals have also been made to the Westfield Area and Mental

Health Clinic and the Agawam Counseling Center. "While attending treatment, the school pays for tutoring so that the student can keep up his/her studies. We have used Brattleboro, Vermont, and Stafford," said Mrs. Bertrand.

Regan said, "Payment for out-patient treatment may be on a sliding scale, but if you don't have insurance or money, becoming an in-patient may be tough."

Regular insurance does cover the cost of these treatments in most cases.

He said, "SAP is a step to help the school system recognize the drug problem as a medical problem, not one to be handled punitively. This is a community problem and the school cannot be expected to solve it alone."

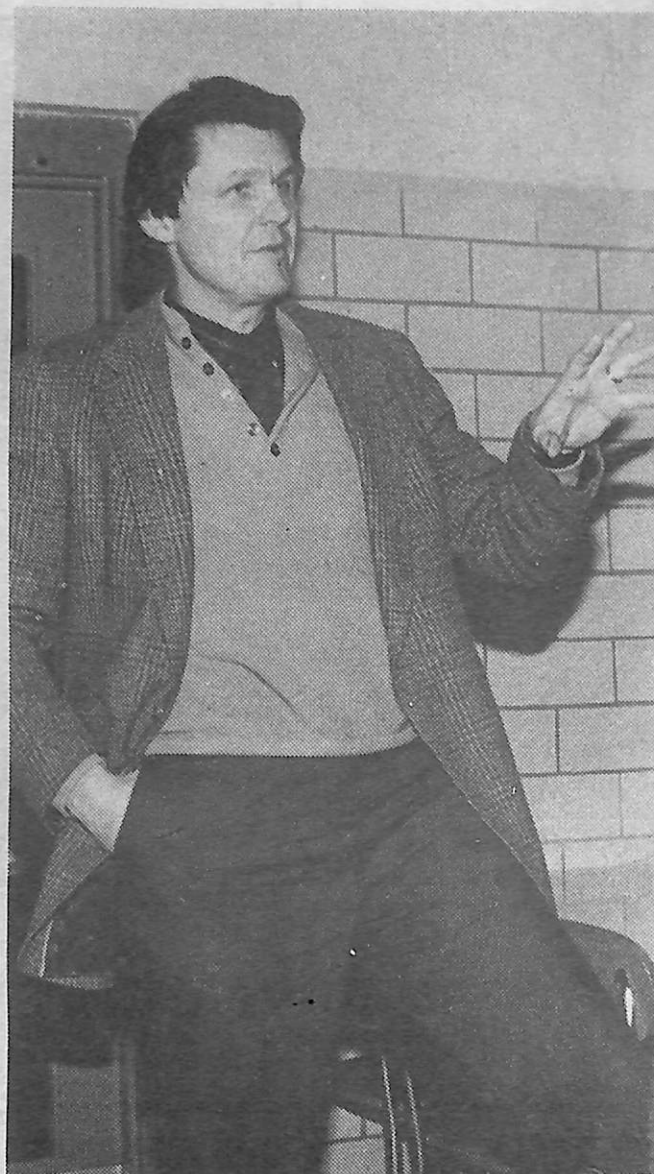
The SAP is based on what businesses have done to help alcoholic employees dry out and return to work as productive employees. Parents and friends that may consider submitting a student's name on the referral form if they suspect a problem may be somewhat comforted in the fact that "total confidentiality" is instituted with SAP. Regan said, "No one but the core team of SAP sees the information."

He added, "Parents have a right to reject evaluative help. Even if they refuse help, the offer has still been productive because parents now cannot hide the problem. Concerned people now know."

Help is also offered when a student comes out of treatment by a support group of new friends who are "clean." The percentages for successful treatment vary greatly because of different figures. "If there is a relapse, this is a running disease, but this program has the best success rate," according to Regan.

Regan blamed part of the problems of "today's teens" on the advertising media's aim of alcohol and drugs toward them. "Formerly a kid's initial experience with alcohol was one in which it tasted terrible. Today's wine coolers taste great and are marketed for the young," said Regan.

"Teens have been bombarded with alcohol ads since they have been in diapers. They are guinea pigs. It is a struggle to change American society's attitude," he said.



GUEST SPEAKER BILL REGAN of Concord East, a counseling service, addresses gathering of Agawam High and Junior High parents. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Elizabeth Bonfitto Named To "Who's Who In Jr. Colleges"

Elizabeth Bonfitto of Feeding Hills is among 10 students from Springfield Technical Community College named to the 1989 edition of *Who's Who In American Junior Colleges*. Ms. Bonfitto has been selected as a national outstanding campus leader, according to STCC President Andrew M. Scibelli.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success. They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations.

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PART OF THE CAST of "Miranda's Dream" at Robinson Park Elementary School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MORE ROBINSON PARK CAST MEMBERS of "Miranda's Dream" - Narrator, Evan Konopka; Miranda Fulton, Michelle Hein; Stevie Fulton, Scott Murphy; Max Fulton, Michael Belknap; Tina Fulton, Pamela Borgatti; Santa, Ryan Gamache; and Matthew Albano and Michael DeFilipi. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"Miranda's Dream" Christmas Program Staged At Robinson Park

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Anna Crean's and Karen Hill's second grade class at Robinson Park Elementary School presented a play entitled, "Miranda's Dream," Wednesday, December 7th, in the school cafetorium. Parents, students, and teachers applauded the fine performance.

The play's setting was the living room of the Fulton's home, by the fireplace. The Christmas tree is decorated and, as the play opens, the four Fulton children are discussing who believes in Santa. Miranda, played by Michelle Hein, is the only one who believes that Santa will visit their home that night on Christmas Eve.

Her two brothers, Stevie (Scott Murphy) and Max (Mike Belknap), and her sister, Tina (Pamela Borgatti), tell her she is a hopeless dreamer and off they go to

bed. Miranda falls asleep under the Christmas tree.

The entire class then recited "Twas The Night Before Christmas" prior to the second act. Narrator Evan Konopka then explained that Miranda had a strange dream (indeed) that magical Christmas Eve as Michael DiFilipi drew the curtains wide.

Miranda's brothers and sister became Santa's helpers, wearing little red caps, and Santa (Ryan Gamache) dances around the tree with Miranda. Soon Santa's work is finished and off everyone goes, leaving Miranda alone by the tree.

Early Christmas morn, Miranda is awakened by her anxious brothers and sister. Everyone is excited and ready to open their gifts, but Miranda begins telling them about her dream.

Suddenly, they noticed the red caps under the tree that were worn by Santa's three helpers and begin discussing some of the strange sensations that Stevie, Max, and Tina experienced the night before.

"I felt as though I barely slept"; "I thought I could feel the cold of night"; and "I think dreamt of wearing that very red cap!"

As the play closes, everyone is left wondering if it really was just Miranda's dream after all. Student Matthew Albano was in charge of the scenery.

Accompanied by Margaret Bielin on piano, the class sang "Jingle Bells" and "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" at the finish of the production.

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Sports

Loss Of Seven Players Leaves Experience Gap...

Martin Hopes Talent Can Carry AHS Hoop

by Scott Miller
Advertiser News Staff

Although the Agawam High boys' varsity basketball team has five returning players in 1988-89, the loss of seven players from last season hurts. And hurts.

The Brownies will try to make-up with talent what they lack in game experience.

Coach Mike Martin will be putting a lineup on the court that has no returning starters, but he hopes the success that his team enjoyed last year has rubbed-off on his 1988-89 crew.

The Brownies fell to Chicopee Comp, 70-49, in the finals of the Western Mass. Division I Tournament to finish the 1987-88 winter campaign at 17-6.

Both were milestones for AHS. The 17 wins were the most ever by an AHS hoop team and the appearance in the Division I finals was the school's first ever.

Martin is hoping to continue his success as the Brownies coach. If his previous accomplishments are any indication, the locals will not only be competitive this winter, but also give a few of the serious challengers a run for their money.

Since coming to AHS three years ago, Martin has compiled a 39-26 record. His overall varsity record stands at 201-68.

Martin coached at Springfield Commerce from 1973-1982. In those nine years, Martin guided eight teams to the Western Mass. finals. Five of those teams

left with championships, including three state titles.

The turnaround that Martin has fostered in the AHS program has shown what good coaching will do with the right talent.

This year's returners are forwards John Serra and Erich Fogg (both three-year players but mostly off the bench), Jason Wooley, Aaron Vanderhoof, and Shawn Smith. These players will form the building blocks of the coming season.

Serra, the school's varsity football quarterback, as well as Fogg, will be counted on to take over the leadership role vacated by All-Western Mass. forward Jeff Peterson, a 1988 graduate.

Serra averaged 8.5 points off the bench last year and led the team with 16 three-pointers. Fogg averaged 4.2 points with 6 rebounds as the team's back-up center. Wooley, a speed merchant a guard, is a junior who averaged 4 points, 3 assists, and 3 steals per outing.

Vanderhoof is an outstanding shooter from the outside, and Smith is a big guard. Both of these backcourt players figure prominently in Martin's plans for the season.

Newcomers to the team are all members of last year's junior varsity squad, including seniors Mike Cleavall and Travis Hyland; juniors Matt Gibby, Joe

Modzelewski, Mike Wright, and John Regish; and sophomore Todd Hyland.

Over the past few years the Brownies had enjoyed a balanced scoring attack with several players averaging between 9-12 points.

Martin thinks this will continue this year.

"Serra, Vanderhoof, Wooley, and Hyland are good shooters so we won't have to rely on any one person," says Martin.

The Brownies also figure to be more than adequate under the iron with Fogg and Gibby (both 6-4, although Fogg plays bigger because of his reach; and Gibby is a strongman), and Serra is 6-2.

The Brownies have a tough schedule before entering league play but Martin feels this is an advantage.

"I've always thought that in order to be the best you have to play the best," says the fourth year coach. "The first few games will help give these guys some experience. We'll be a pretty good team by the middle of the season."

The Brownies open the long campaign vs. Cathedral on December 20th (away), with the home opener coming vs. South Hadley on Friday, December 23rd.

Brownie Girls Gearing For Run At WMass Title

by Scott Miller
Advertiser News Staff

Last year the Agawam High girls' varsity basketball team was considered to be in the rebuilding stages. The squad went 16-6, won the Valley Wheel, and lost in the semifinals of the Western Mass. Division I Tournament to Chicopee Comp.

So much for rebuilding.

In 1988-89, the Brownies return four starters after losing only two players from a very strong squad a year ago.

No more rebuilding talk. This team is considered a serious threat in Western Mass. from the opening whistle.

The Brownies lost Becki Runshaw and Kelly Erskine to graduation. Runshaw was a strong frontliner who scored six points per game but more importantly, attacked the backboards with vim and vigor (8 bounds per game).

While the Brownies again will lack size, they do enjoy plenty of speed, talent, and good all-around athletic ability.

"We're definitely the smallest team in Western Mass.," notes third-year coach Lou Conte. "We have to play an up-tempo game by using our defense to pressure other teams into turnovers. Then we have to push the ball up the court. If the game slows-up, and we get into a halfcourt game with much bigger opponents, we'll be in big trouble."

Conte is considered one of the bright lights in the AHS coaching ranks. He has directed freshman football and baseball over the years, as well as a suc-

cessful five-year stint as boys' varsity hoop coach in the late 1970's and early 1980's.

Conte stepped away from the varsity level for a few years to continue his education and spend more time with his growing family (father of four).

In his two years as girls varsity coach, the locals have posted a 38-14 record, good enough to qualify for the Western Mass. Tournament both years.

Returning to the this year's team are Lori Desimone, Karen Patterson, Cathy Scaggs, Traci Trudel, and Missy Danio - five quality players.

Desimone, a senior, was an All-Western Mass. selection in 1987-88 at point guard. She averaged 17 per game and can shoot (lights out).

Patterson, the all-time leading scorer for the girls' soccer team, is a junior who will see action at both forward and guard. And this gal can run the court.

Trudel, another senior, spearheads the Brownies' front line. At 5-10 she's the tall timber who can rebound well and play good defense. Trudel can also score from the inside which is important for a small team.

Cathy Scaggs, a senior all-league selection from last year is probably one of the best all-around athletes in the school. Conte says Scaggs can do it all - pass, shoot, rebound, play defense, and is willing to hit the floor for loose balls.

Conte says Scaggs is one of the better all-around players in the region.

"Cathy runs the court well and is a good rebounder because of her great jumping ability. Another thing that stands out about her is how hard she plays - whatever the game," says Conte.

Scaggs should be reminded that gym class might not be the place for rough and tumble - she broke her nose twice during gym class.

Danio is a senior forward who was a goalie on the soccer team. She will be coming off the bench to help solidify the inside game.

New to the starting lineup is sophomore Joy Clark, a strong shooting guard. Clark is also a sound defensive player.

Newcomers to the team that will add to the overall gusto of this squad are junior Allyson Manning, and Sharon Phaneuf, Maura Martin, and Lisa Suffriti, all sophomores.

Perhaps the best way to describe the way to AHS success again in 1988-89 is creating chaos and a frantic pace on the court - and the more the merrier.

"The number one goal of our defense is to help our offense. We have to force our opponents to make turnovers and mistakes. You can win when your offense doesn't click. But you can't win without defense," noted Conte.

The Brownies open vs. West Springfield on Friday, December 16th, followed by Central High on Wednesday, December 21st (home).



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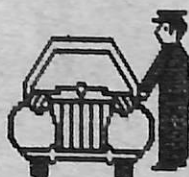
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AHS Sextet Facing Questionable Winter; Open Vs. South Hadley

by Scott Miller
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After winning the Western Mass. Division II hockey championship in 1987 and finishing as the runners-up in 1988, the Agawam High Brownies have hit lean times.

The 1988-89 winter season will be a rough one for the team that finished 16-1-2 (13-1-2 in Berry Division) and lost a bitter overtime championship game to West Springfield (with All-Western Mass. goalie David Laudato playing with a bad shoulder injury).

Coach Len Brusco, now in his third year, has lost three All-Western Mass. players, and all three were the best at their respective positions in the region. Gone are Ricky Parolo, the Brownies leading sniper for the past two seasons (30-20-50), and top defenseman Dennis Punch who contributed 10 goals and 25 assists while helping shutdown the opposition's offense.

Worst of all, senior goalie David Laudato, who posted 16 wins and a 1.5 goals against average (best stats in Berry Division), was snatched-away by the Springfield Olympics of the New England Junior Hockey League.

That leaves Brusco with only a couple of experienced defensemen and two rookie goalies to stop strong rivals like West Side and Cathedral.

The offense is definitely capable of scoring some goals. Among the returning players are Mike Passirini and Tom Greene, two of Parolo's former linemates. Passirini (11-11-22) and Green (13-19-22) formed the most dangerous first line in all of Western Mass. last winter and provides AHS with some scoring punch.

Also back are forwards Dave Noonan (6-7-13) and Dan Asselin.

"Our first couple of lines will score for us. It's just a question of how well our defense will hold up," says Brusco. "The last few years we could score and hold the other team because of Laudato and Punch being back there. It might take us a while before our new defensemen can catch on. We are lacking experience back there."

Brusco says returnees Steve Silva (considered top defenseman this year for AHS), Chris Jarvis, Dan Fugiel, Mike Shea, Mike Keeney, and Bob Manning do provide his squad with a good nucleus to build on.

Newcomers include Greg Waryasz, "Spanky" Desilets, Kevin Fleury, and Anthony Angelini.

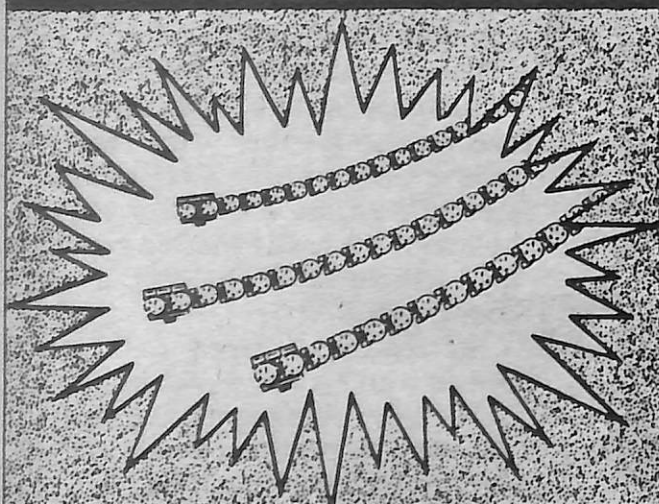
The net-minding duties will be split between rookies Derek Egan and Bryan Hollister.

"I think if we can shore-up our defense and then stay healthy, we'll be competitive. We also have to stay healthy this year because we're not as deep as I'd like to be," says Brusco.

The Brownies opened at presstime vs. South Hadley in independent action, followed by East Longmeadow on Tuesday, December 20th.

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It didn't take Round One champion Georgetown long to get back into first place. G-Town, riding a four-game sweep of lowly Holy Cross (11th place-1 win), grabbed the top spot with seven wins after two weeking of rolling in Round Two.

G-Town captain AL "The Fearsome One" MOCCIO has refused to allow his team to sit on its laurels going into Round Two. In swallowing-up HC, G-Town was led by CINDY KOZAK (295), "Jungle" JIM BURLINGHAM (309), VI MASSOIA (273), and a devastating 382-324 victory by Moccio over dazed, razed, and hazed HC captain, LARRY VIENS (he had a good night, too, at 324 and still took a shellacking).

Moccio was seen heading for J.W. Wimpy's afterwards looking for more red meat to munch on.

The fortunes of St. Louis (10th place-2 wins) continued on the downward side as rising St. Michael (2nd place-6 wins) got out its broom to sweep St. Lou, four games to none.

St. Mike's winners included CHRISTOPHER ORIFICE (261), AUDREY PHILLIPS (278), ED SCHULTZKI (312), and the league's top roller, STU "The Mad Stork" STORK (351). St. Lou's captain, DEBIE POIRIER, who will soon be on a leave of absence, could only muster a 261. This was the first time all season St. Mike's took four wins and Storkie was singing in the cold night air.

Another team showing signs of challenging for Round Two, St. Mary (3rd place-6 wins), blasted last place St. Anselm (0 wins), four game to none.

St. Mary's winners included STELLA BARBIERI (278), substitute FRANK "The Lordly Barber"

RESCIGNO (292), and captain JOHN PROVOST (344). He totally destroyed St. Mike's captain, TONY KOZAK (268). Kozak was seen leaving the Agawam Bowl in quite a rush after this fiasco. The only St. Mike's winner was JEAN BUONICONTI (269-string of 104).

As for our Lordly Barber, all is well with him but he notes that the pressure is off him this year as a substitute. We call him a mercenary whose phone only rings when a team is facing desperation.

Speaking of fiascos, Fordham (4th place-5 wins) surprised Villanova (9th place-2 wins), four wins to none. Fordham was a rather poor team in Round One and Villanova did finish strong.

Fordham winners were SANDY PRZESZLO (291), former St. Mike's captain, MIKE O'CONNELL (in a substitute role-289), and JOHN REILLY (296-295 over TOM "Timber" Burr). The only Villanova winner was captain RENEE JURY, a 334-303 winner Fordham captain ANN O'CONNELL. This was Renee's best night in over two years, but it was all in a losing effort.

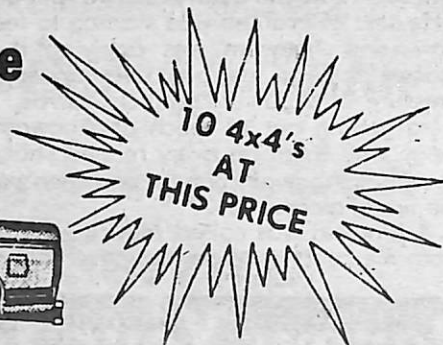
In the final match of the night, Boston College (7th place-5 wins) drubbed a good Notre Dame team (5th place-5 wins), three wins to one. BC needed this match to get back on the beam.

BC winners JIM MCNAMEE (316) and captain JOHN O'CONNELL (320) carried the lanes in leading the victory. ND winners included BOB PICKETT (292) and ESTHER DEPALO (270). ND captain JOHN RESCIGNO floundered with a 286. BC only won this match by 13 pins so it's easy to see how this happened.

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photo by Jack Devine.

AAA 5th-6th Grade Hoop Wins Title

On Monday, December 5th, the fifth and sixth grade Agawam AA Suburban Basketball team made a dream come true with a come-from-behind victory over the tough Wilbraham Falcons in the West Springfield High School gym with a 35-33 win in the West Springfield Youth Basketball Tip-Off Tournament.

At the start of the fourth period, Agawam was down by 11 points with the score, 27-16. With eight minutes left in the game, a big turn was made in favor of Agawam. The full court press was put on and the traps were set. Wilbraham was starting to feel the pressure now, and Agawam was applying it. The Falcons started turning the ball over under the full court pressure of Agawam's quick guards. The rebounds were getting out of reach as Agawam kept coming away with them on every missed shot. The tide had turned as Agawam caught and then pulled ahead of the tired Falcons, 29-27.

A time-out was called. Now it was time for a game from the benches. Agawam never lost their lead from

that point on, but Wilbraham kept shooting basket after basket, matching Agawam's every score. With 34 seconds left in the fourth period, the intentional foul started taking place. Through it became a dual of the free-throws.

Both teams made smart and daring fouls in the back court and at half court to kill the clock, and put the shooter in a one-and-one situation. The first shots were critical and made the rebounds even more critical. At the sound of the buzzer, Agawam was victorious and the foes were exhausted.

The game ended in a manner that the Agawam boys could only have dreamed of, and Wilbraham did not

want to see.

Agawam's route to success began by defeating South Hadley, 33-12. They then met Belchertown and walked away with a 32-15 triumph. Agawam returned for their quarter-final match with the Westfield Bombers to be victorious with a 38-26 win before ending with Wilbraham.

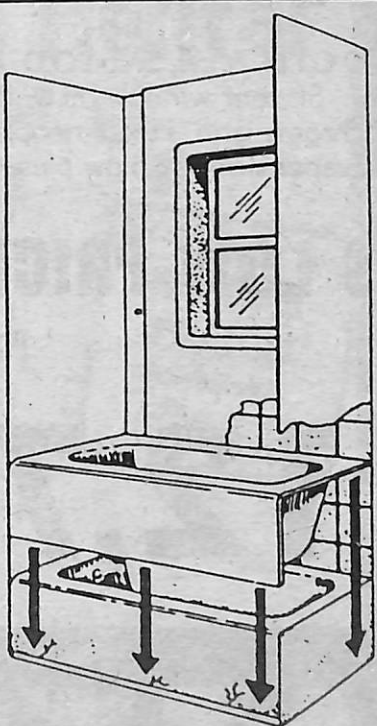
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SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

by Bill Chiba

When a state official predicts a deer kill before the season, I accept it with my tongue in cheek. Mr. Williams, deer biologist, stated that we have a 40,000 to 50,000 deer herd in Massachusetts and that 6,000 deer would be killed during the deer season. I wondered where he obtained the facts to warrant such a statement. It is one thing to make a statement but it is another to back it up with facts.

The old cliches were used after the season when the kill was off by 2,000. "No snow. If there was snow, the kill would have doubled on opening day—it rained opening day, so nobody was out in the woods resulting in few deer being checked in; the hunters are in the old age class and do not take to the woods like they did in their younger years; and the closing of the towns in Western Mass. affected the turnout of hunters which resulted in less deer being taken."

I agree with the fact that there were fewer deer hunters out opening day. This is from personal observation. The rain probably kept some old-timers home, but the rain brought warmer weather, so most of the hunters just sat on their stands and did very little walking.

In colder weather, the hunter gets cold and will walk to warm-up, thus kicking deer out of their beds and into other hunters. Why we had a November opening of the regular deer season is a mystery to me. For gun hunting, you need the December weather—cold and

miserable. So why less deer in the woods?

I believe that these are the factors that cannot be ignored any more.

Number One: Poaching. With the closing of the towns to hunting, many stories of poaching are being circulated around through different avenues. The people that were responsible for the closing of the towns to hunting by permission are the same ones that have no qualms about shooting deer and turkeys any time of the year. They have nothing to fear from law enforcement—there are no complaints. The poacher has a free hand.

I have heard of a person brag to a group, "I have turkey anytime I want and I don't buy the bird in a supermarket." The same remarks about deer are common conversation. Several landmarks feed the turkeys in the winter months and their backyards.

This story was treated as a big joke a few years ago in Tolland. A resident was bragging that he was shooting deer out of his bathroom window on bright moonlit nights.

A Granville resident that has his land posted is the same person I have witnessed hunting on un-posted land with a gang of fellows. He is one of the loudest mouths calling for the Town of Granville to close its woods to hunting by permission only. You figure it out if you can.

Number Two: The tearing apart of deer by domestic dogs that are free to run the woods by their owners. Evidence of such operations are seen everywhere. What the domestic dogs don't kill the coyotes do. They are doing a serious job on the herd, regardless of what the Division of Fish and Wildlife experts say. Coyote

season should be open during deer season. There is no other way to control the explosion of coyotes in Western Massachusetts.

The closing of the woodlands in the hills to hunting works in favor of a larger population of coyotes. A point to back up the last statement is the howling of many coyotes heard while fishing Quabbin (which is closed to hunting).

Coyotes are betting bolder. Clyde Light of Feeding Hills was very apprehensive when three coyotes stalked him one evening when he was coming out of the woods. Clyde could hear the snapping of twigs and leaves rustling in back of him and on the side. He flashed his light and counted three sets of eyes looking at him. Clyde only had his bow with him.

Number Three: The loss of habitat to the hapless deer. Construction in the hills is rampant. It is hard to believe that proper perk tests are being used. Buildings are being built everywhere—side hills, swamps, and ledges—anywhere there is a lot. It is unbelievable! It forebodes a dark future for the sport of hunting.

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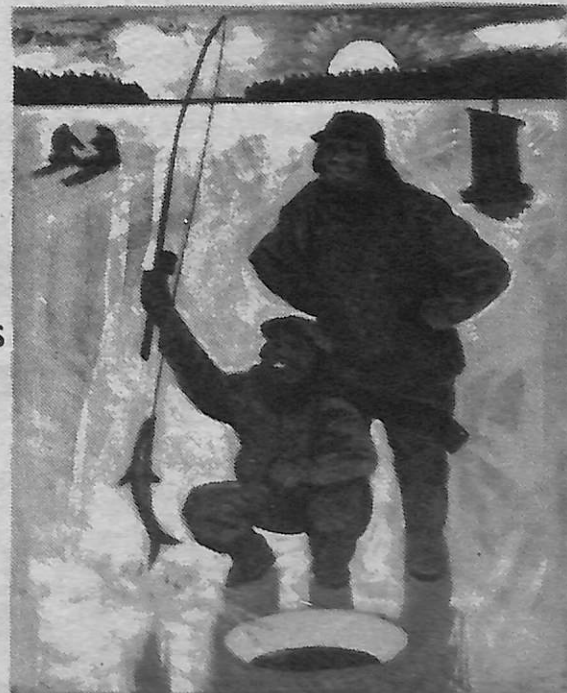
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 January 5th: Chicopee Comp., 8:15 p.m., home
 January 10th: Amherst, 8:15 p.m., home
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 February 14th: West Springfield
 February 16th: Minnechaug, home
 February 20th: Holyoke, 6:00 p.m., at Holyoke
 February 24th: Cathedral, home



BOYS' & GIRLS' SWIMMING Time - 3:30 p.m.

December 13th: South Hadley, Away
 December 16th: Central, Home
 December 20th: Northampton, Away, 7:00 p.m.
 December 23rd: Bye
 January 6th: East Longmeadow, Home
 January 10th: Pittsfield, Home, 4:00 p.m.
 January 13th: Cathedral, Away
 January 17th: Minnechaug, Home
 January 20th: Longmeadow, Away
 January 24th: Amherst, Home
 January 27th: South Hadley, Home
 January 31st: Central, Away
 February 3rd: Northampton, Home
 February 7th: Bye
 February 10th: East Longmeadow, Away
 February 16th, 17th, 18th: West Mass. Championship
 February 24th-25th: State Championship

WRESTLING Site - High School

December 14th: Quabbin, Home, 7:30 p.m.
 December 20th: West Springfield, Home, 7:00 p.m.
 December 21st: Bye
 December 29th: Christmas Tournament, Home, 7:00 a.m.
 January 4th: East Longmeadow, Away, 3:30 p.m.
 January 7th: Amherst, Home, 1:00 p.m.
 January 11th: Cathedral, Away, 7:00 p.m.
 January 14th: Commonwealth Cup
 January 18th: Northampton, Home, 7:30 p.m.
 January 21st: Ludlow, Home, 1:00 p.m.
 January 25th: Bye
 January 28th: Frontier, Away, 1:00 p.m.
 February 1st: Longmeadow, Away, 7:00 p.m.
 February 4th: Central, Home, 1:00 p.m.
 February 8th: Putnam, Away, 4:00 p.m.
 February 11th: Westfield, Away, 1:00 p.m.
 February 17th, 18th: Western Mass.
 February 24th, 25th: States



BOYS' & GIRLS' SKIING Site - Berkshire East

January 5th:
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FROSH BASKETBALL

Site - Jr. High
Time - 3:30 P.M.

December 16th: Holyoke, Away
 December 20th: East Longmeadow, Home
 December 23rd: Ludlow, Home
 December 27th: Cathedral, Home, 3:30 p.m.
 December 29th: Northampton, Away, at H.S., 12 noon.
 January 3rd: Amherst, Away at J.H.
 January 6th: Chicopee, Home, 3:00 p.m.
 January 10th: Chicopee, Home
 January 13th: Bye
 January 17th: Northampton, Home
 January 20th: Ludlow, Away at H.S.
 January 24th: Longmeadow, Home
 January 27th: Chicopee Comp., Away at H.S.
 January 31st: West Springfield, Away at H.S.
 February 3rd: Westfield, Home
 February 7th: Minnechaug, Away at H.S.
 February 10th: Longmeadow, Away at H.S.
 February 14th: Chicopee Comp., Home
 February 17th: West Springfield, Home
 February 21st: Westfield, Away at H.S.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Site - High School
Time - 3:15 P.M.

December 16th: West Springfield, Away, 6:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
 December 21st: Central, Home
 December 23rd: Westfield, Away, 3:00 p.m.
 December 27th: West Springfield, Home, 6:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
 December 30th: Central, Away, 1:00 p.m.

January 3rd: Chicopee Comp., Home, 3:00 p.m.
 January 6th: Minnechaug, Home



January 10th: Minnechaug, Away, 4:30 p.m.
 January 12th: Northampton, Away, 6:00 p.m.
 January 17th: Bye
 January 20th: Longmeadow, Home
 January 24th: Amherst, Away
 January 26th: East Longmeadow, Away
 January 31st:
 Holyoke, Home
 February 2nd:
 Northampton, Home, 6:00

p.m., 7:30 p.m.

February 7th: Cathedral, Away
 February 10th: Amherst, Home
 February 14th: Longmeadow, Away
 February 17th: Bye
 February 21st: East Longmeadow, Home, 12:00 JV
 February 22nd: Southwick, Home, 6:00, 7:30 p.m.
 February 24th: Minnechaug, Home, 3:00 p.m.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Site - High School
Time - 6:00 P.M.-JV,
7:30 P.M.-V

December 20th: Cathedral, Away
 December 23rd: South Hadley, Home
 December 27th: Our Lady of the Savior School, at Cathedral, 6:15 p.m.
 December 28th: Conestoga, at Cathedral, 6:15 p.m.
 December 30th: Greenfield, Home
 January 3rd: Amherst, Home, 6:30 p.m.
 January 6th: Central, Home, 6:30 p.m.
 January 10th: Chicopee, Away
 January 13th: Commerce, Away
 January 17th: Northampton, Away
 January 24th: Longmeadow, Home
 January 27th: Chicopee Comp., Home
 January 31st: West Springfield, Away
 February 3rd: Westfield, Home
 February 7th: Minnechaug, Away
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 February 21st: Westfield, Away
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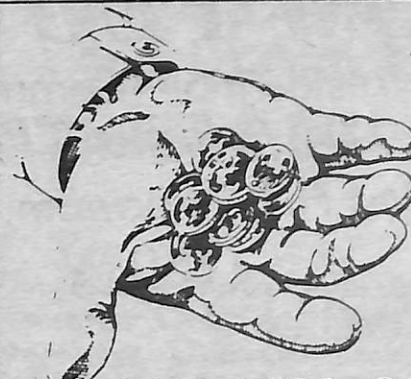
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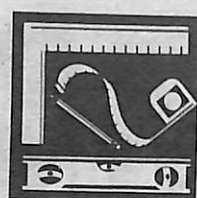
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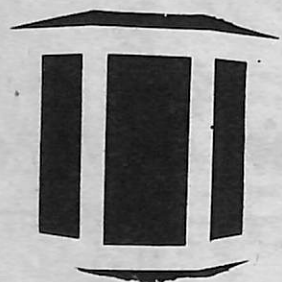
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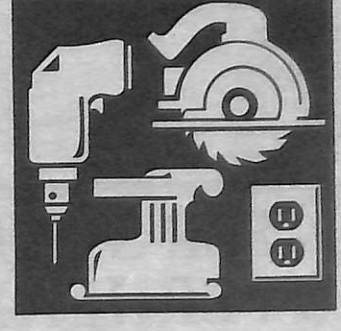
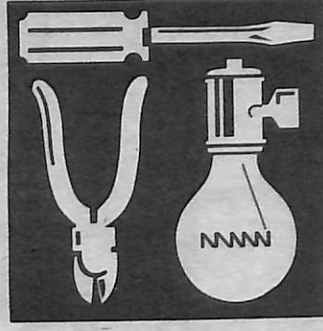
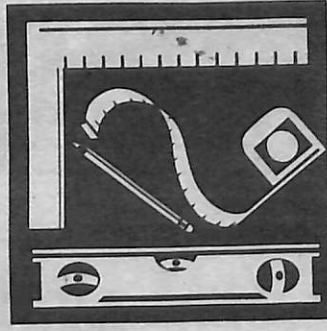
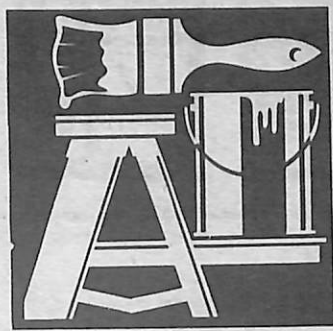
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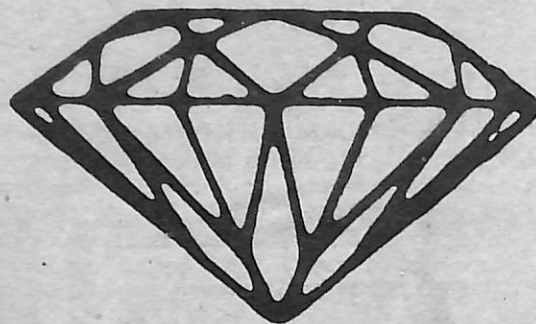
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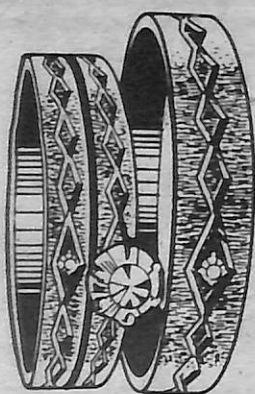
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